

Battle may be brewing over college funding

Meeting hints at debate in General Assembly

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FRANKFORT — The opening salvo in a possible battle over how money will be split among the state's colleges and universities came yesterday during a meeting of legislative and education leaders.

The meeting of the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education, a group of education leaders, legislators and members of Gov. Paul Patton's Cabinet, offered hints of the debates to come during next month's General Assembly session.

The Council on Postsecondary Education has recommended that the state spend more than \$2 billion on the public colleges and universities over the next two years.

The council's president, Gordon Davies, who fielded legislators' questions, said he thinks the budget addresses key issues of the higher education reform act passed in 1997.

"The budget focuses on what must be done to train our work force, increase enrollment and retention and build research capacity," Davies told members of the committee.

The council's recommendations include almost \$1 billion for each of the next two years in operating budgets for the universities and colleges, university endowments and enrollment and retention efforts, as well as maintenance and renovation.

The budget recommendations include only three new construction projects — research buildings

at the universities of Louisville and Kentucky and a community technical college building in Northern Kentucky.

The community college proposal drew the most questions from legislators. The new college, which would be run by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, would consolidate two of three campuses for Northern Kentucky Technical College and offer a broader range of courses.

Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, questioned whether other parts of the state were getting their fair share.

"Northern Kentucky is the fastest-growing region of the state and one of the most prosperous," said Moberly, chairman of the House budget committee. He noted that under the recommendations, Northern Kentucky University would receive a 10 percent increase in its budget, and the region has fared well in past budget years.

"But if we look at Eastern Kentucky, at first blush, there are some communities that are certainly underserved," Moberly said.

Davies said that while the budget doesn't specifically target the area, there is money for renovations and upgrades that address the needs of Eastern Kentucky colleges. He noted that the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University would also improve access to underserved areas.

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"This is all a balancing act between bricks and mortar and technology and between bricks and mortar and faculty salaries," Davies said.

"I think at some point we have to recognize that we have a fairly well-built system."

Sen. Benny Ray Bailey, D-Hindman, said the state still has holes in its education system, even though universities' and colleges' buildings might be in good shape.

Gov. Paul Patton said the legislators should keep in mind what past budgets had done for the area, adding that Eastern Kentucky colleges had received several education buildings in the past four years.

After the meeting, Patton said legislators should carefully consider the council's advice and not become bogged down in the details.

"The key will be to make sure that we are investing our limited dollars in the areas where it will do the most good and will get us where we want to go," Patton said.

By LONNIE HARP
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Lawmakers fear poor communities might lose out in proposed college funding

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Two influential Eastern Kentucky lawmakers questioned yesterday whether the budget proposed by the Council on Postsecondary Education helps prosperous areas of Northern Kentucky while overlooking poorer, rural areas.

The meeting of the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education served to foreshadow higher-education debates in the legislative session that begins in January. Lawmakers on the panel took aim at a new building, a new campus and a hefty funding increase for Northern Kentucky colleges in a budget plan that does not recommend any new higher-education centers for struggling rural areas.

Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, chairman of the House budget committee, and Sen. Benny Ray Bailey, D-Hindman, said some lawmakers might see the post-secondary spending plan as one that helps the rich get richer.

"There is so much being done in Northern Kentucky, which is the most prosperous part of the state," Moberly said. "I'm not being overly critical because I think they've done a good job putting this together. I'm just raising areas that I think will come up in the General Assembly."

Gordon Davies, president of the postsecondary council, said he thinks the budget provides plenty of incentives for all regions of the state. "It's always a judgment call, but I think this is a fair budget," he said.

The proposal includes a base funding increase for all state universities and community colleges but also recommends bigger boosts for Northern Kentucky University as well as Western Kentucky University and Morehead State University to help them reach national budgeting targets.

Northern is also in the budget's modest plan for building renovations, along with science

facilities at Kentucky State University, Murray State University and Western. Renovation projects are recommended at Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead and the state community college system.

The budget includes shared funding for new research facilities at the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky.

The council's budget also includes \$10 million for building a community college campus in Northern Kentucky that would update and combine existing facilities.

Gov. Paul Patton, who serves on the special committee, said yesterday that he understood concerns about rural areas being shortchanged in the budget plan, but said that the state also needs to be responsive to areas where new facilities are needed.

Patton pushed the higher-education reforms in 1997 that led to many of the areas target-

ed by the council's budget request.

"If we're going to get where we want to be in 2020, we're going to have to do most of this program," Patton said, adding that he expects lawmakers to scrutinize the spending plan vigorously.

Lawmakers also focused on a \$10 million pot of incentive money requested by the council from which colleges, not including UK or U of L, could compete to earn matching funds when they raise private donations.

Bailey and other lawmakers said they worried that some colleges will have an advantage in raising private money, making the incentive funds harder for some others to get. The proposed \$10 million pool would exist in addition to a set amount of matching incentives that each college could earn if it raised private money.

Patton said the issue is one of several higher-education matters that lawmakers will need to settle.

Research an investment by universities, the state

By Gordon K. Davies

In all the ruckus about university research — who thinks it's important and who doesn't — significant policy considerations have taken a back seat. Discussions have focused on who should pay for research labs rather than on



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what it takes to build great research universities. Also overlooked has been the commitment of Gov. Paul Patton and the Council on Postsecondary Education to continue the most significant effort to strengthen research in the history of Kentucky. If the General Assembly approves the budget that the governor will place before it early next year, the state's two major research universities will have added a combined \$400 million to their endowments in support of research by 2002. That's a lot of money.

The argument about who should pay for research space is not just about money. Oddly enough for government and higher education, it is about principle.

The Council on Postsecondary Education is charged to build a strong system of colleges and universities in Kentucky and to help create the conditions in which great research universities can be developed by their boards of trustees and administrations.

We can't do this the old way. We can't build great research universities in Kentucky the way the universities of California, Michigan and Wisconsin were built decades ago. All over the nation, there are greater demands on tax

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dollars and diminishing resources for public higher education. By increasing the share of state revenues going to colleges and universities over the last two years and in the next two, Kentucky is bucking the trend.

We have to build our great research universities differently. As Michael Hooker, the late chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said: "When you're playing hockey, you don't skate to where the puck is; you skate to where it's going to be."

We have to be smart enough to know what a great research university will be like in 20 years, and we have to go directly there. We can't chase the University of Michigan — and we shouldn't want to.

Our research universities must be determined to become great. They cannot wait passively to be "enhanced" into greatness by state spending. It is easier to be rich and mediocre than it is to be rich and excellent.

Great universities have this in common: determination to be great and willingness to risk capital and reputations. Today, they also are able to find partners — industries and foundations as well as state and federal governments, — who will invest with them in excellent re-

search. Some of the new partnerships are not familiar or comfortable. They will have to be worked out and could change the very nature of the university.

The Council on Postsecondary Education thinks research should be an investment by both universities and the state. Research space will produce revenue: funding for the research that is conducted. For instance, if the University of Kentucky achieves the objectives it has set for itself over the next four years, it will generate at least \$20 million more in research and at least \$4 million in overhead to support research. It also can benefit from royalties and licensing agreements.

The council believes that the universities should be willing to invest with the state to build the research space that will generate this revenue. In this way, Kentucky's limited capital can be used to maximum effect.

Choices have to be made. Competing priorities have to be weighed in the balance and some have to go wanting. As legendary New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia observed, "The hardest thing to do in politics is say 'no' to your friends." It's the hardest thing in life, too, and academic administration is a kind of life.

Spending money on research space in partnership with the state rather than spending it somewhere else is not, as some have suggested, a zero-sum game. It's good management. And it's skating to where the puck is going to be.

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Dr. Frank C. Button was firm believer that education and Christianity could overcome the chaos caused by the Tolliver-Martin Feud (1884 - 1887).

Dr. Button first came to Morehead at the end of the war in 1887 to establish a school and serve as minister of the Christian Church.

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Dr. Frank C.
Button
1883-1933

Frank C. Button: An educator and minister

With the help of his mother Phebe, an experienced teacher, he began the Morehead Normal School, the forerunner of Morehead State University.

The Normal School started in a small rickety wooden building in a town of less than 1,000 people.

During the early years, the Buttons faced many obstacles.

From a small enrollment to the lack of a proper building, there were constant struggles for Dr. Button and his mother.

Enrollment had grown from three in 1887 to 363 by 1905, representing 21 counties and five states.

During the first 18 years, the total enrollment reached 1,500 students, including 500 who were trained to be teachers.

At one commencement, Dr. Button would tell students "Whereas we have always begged you to 'Stay,' we now ask you to 'Go out' so as to make a difference in Eastern Kentucky.



Frank C. Button, educator, minister and founder of the Morehead Normal School (1887).

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During this time of flourishing enrollment, the church also was flourishing and the teachers were all active in the Christian Church.

Dr. Button would leave the area from 1911 until 1923 when he served as state supervisor of rural schools under the sponsorship of the Rockefeller Foundation.

In 1922 Morehead Normal School, a private Christian school, became Morehead State Normal School.

Morehead as its first president in 1923 with eight faculty members. The 1922 General Assembly had appropriated \$30,000 to hire a faculty and provide the necessary supplies to put the school in working order.

During Dr. Button's administration, five buildings were constructed. The old administration building, now Radar Hall, and Allie Young Hall were built in 1926, followed by Thompson Hall and Fields Hall in 1927. The

completed in 1930 and Button Auditorium was constructed in 1929.

Dr. Button resigned the presidency on July 24, 1929, but remained on the staff as chaplain and assistant field representative for a year before being named president emeritus.

He also served as mayor Morehead, as a newspaper editor and as pastor of the Morehead Christian Church. He died in 1933.

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Reasonable collaboration

Kudos to the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville for agreeing to jointly run the Kentucky School of Public Health.

Both universities announced plans for public health schools within a week of each other last fall. The schools had slightly different missions, but two schools would have been a needless duplication of educational services.

The Council on Postsecondary Education insisted that there be one

program, causing a lot of frustration, especially at UK, which had plans to consolidate a range of public-health programs already on campus.

But the universities seem to have come up with a reasonable compromise. Both universities will plan and govern the public health school. U of L will develop a research institute of public health and train people for research jobs; UK will focus on training people for public health careers, such as run-

ning health departments.

The council was right to force this collaboration, and the universities responded in the best way for the state and its students. Perhaps this type of coordination can be repeated throughout the higher-education system, especially with community colleges and vocational-technology schools.

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UK broadcasts bring high bid of \$17.65 million

By Amy Baldwin

HERALD-LEADER BUSINESS WRITER

The Wildcats got a lot more costly yesterday.

When University of Kentucky officials opened bids for the rights to air UK men's basketball and football for five years, the high bid came in at \$17.65 million from Host Communications Inc.

In the last round of bidding, in 1996, the rights for four years went to Host for \$9.22 million.

UK reserves the right to accept a lower bid, and the winning bidder will not be announced for a week or two.

Still, it seems likely the Lexington-based sports marketer will continue the relationship with UK sports that began in 1974.

Three sealed bids were opened about 3:15 p.m. yesterday by UK's division of purchasing.

The other two bids — for \$17 million each — came from the same group: Cumulus Media, WLEX-TV (Channel 18) and two sports marketers, Winston-Salem, N.C.-based sports syndicator ISP Sports and Earfield Communications of Jefferson City, Mo. The group sent in two bids — one in the name of WLEX and the other in the name of Earfield — to make

UK typically awards the broadcast rights to the highest bidder. Jim Host, founder and chief executive of Host Communications, said he didn't foresee the contract going to the lower bidder.

"I wouldn't see any reason why they wouldn't, but it's not over until it's over," Host said last night in a telephone interview.

Cumulus is a newcomer to the Lexington market and the radio industry, and a first-time bidder for the UK rights.

Host is a veteran sports marketer who won radio rights for UK men's basketball and football games in 1974. Host's relationship with UK eventually grew to include TV rights, coaches' endorsements and other marketing.

Cats costing more

There has been growth in the value of UK's big sports. The '96 bid was 54 percent more than the 1992 contract. And year for year, this bid, if successful, represents an increase of 53 percent over the current contract.

Host attributed the high price to inflation in advertising dollars and to profitable new marketing possibilities, which he wouldn't discuss.

"As there are more and more vehicles for people to watch and listen to (games on) radio and television and now the Internet, I think

what is happening is those properties that command a huge audience are demanding higher cost per thousands from advertisers," Host said.

"We obviously felt we could sell it or we wouldn't have put that kind of money on the table."

But UK's Internet rights were not on the table yesterday. The UK Athletics Association has an Internet contract with Atlanta-based University Netcasting Inc. The contract expires at the end of the month.

It's possible that the association will choose to sell Internet rights to the party that holds the broadcast rights, said Kyle Moats, assistant athletics director/marketing.

Host said he hasn't talked to UK about that and doesn't know whether his firm will go for those rights, despite the company's Internet ties.

Host owns 5.5 percent of Total Sports, a Raleigh, N.C., firm that provides sports programming over the Internet. Atlanta's Bull Run Corp., which is buying Host, owns an additional 6 percent. Total Sports has announced it expects to make a public offering in 2000, and recently sealed an agreement to link its products with NBC, also a partner in

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Axelrod wouldn't disclose who sits on that committee, other than to say he will be there and that the UK Athletics Association will be represented.

new marketing possibilities

Broadcast bucks

Putting Wildcat men's basketball and football on television and radio hasn't always cost millions. Here's a look back 25 years to when Jim Host secured his first UK contract, which included only radio.

- **1974-1977:** Host pays \$158,250 for radio rights.
- **1977-1980:** Host and WAVE-TV pay \$529,500 for radio and TV rights.
- **1980-1983:** Kentucky Network and Kentucky Central TV pay \$765,204 for radio and TV rights.
- **1983-1986:** Kentucky Network and WKYC-TV (Channel 27) pay \$1.7 million.
- **1986-1989:** Kentucky Network and Host Communications Inc. pay \$2.8 million.
- **1989-1992:** Host Communications pays \$4 million.
- **1992-1998:** Host Communications pays \$6.1 million.
- **1998-2000:** Host Communications pays \$1.2 million.

Goodbye, WVLK

While Host, which has held the rights for 10 consecutive years, probably will keep its UK broadcast rights, the Cats won't be heard on WVLK-AM 590, where their games have been aired for 52 years.

"We made a great run in a short amount of time," Shaw said of the Cumulus camp.

He was referring to Host's announcement last month that it was dropping Cumulus as its radio partner in favor of Clear Channel.

"I'm still sick about the whole situation," Shaw said after the bids were opened. "That should have been us with Host."

Host said he chose Clear Channel because of its dominance in Louisville and Cincinnati, where Cumulus has no presence.

In its bid invitation, the UK Athletics Association requires Wildcat games to be aired in those cities, along with Lexington, Paducah,

Bowling Green and Hazard, to broaden the market for UK sports.

Clear Channel has said it will air the games on WLAP-AM 630 and WBUL-FM 98.1. Its WHAS-AM in Louisville has already been airing UK games. But the Cats come second to the Cardinals when UK and the University of Louisville teams play at the same time. Host has said he's hopeful about working with UK and U of L to ensure that the teams' home games aren't played at the same time.

And if Host has his way in terms of play-by-play, the same men who have been calling basketball and football games will continue to do so.

Host has said he'd like to keep Ralph Hacker and Tom Leach as the voices behind those respective sports. Leach attended the bid opening yesterday.

"We would love to keep them, because I think they're great," Host said.

Hacker and Leach have both said they are interested.

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Players, positions

Two parties yesterday bid on the rights to broadcast University of Kentucky's men's basketball and football games from April 16, 2000, through April 15, 2005. Here's who they are and what they bid:

Host Communications

Last UK broadcast contract: In 1998, Host paid \$9.22 million for four-year rights.

Bid: \$17.65 million.

Partners: WKYC-TV (Channel 27) and Clear Channel.

History: Host first won UK radio rights in 1974. Other university contracts: Florida State, Notre Dame, Seton Hall, South Carolina, SMU, Tennessee, Texas and Texas Tech, along with several athletic conferences, including the Southeastern, Big 12, Middle Atlantic and Western Athletic. When Host's contract with the National Collegiate Athletic Association expires in 2002, Host will have 26 years of unbroken business with the private, non-profit group.

Cumulus Media Inc.

Bid: \$17 million.

Partners: Learfield Communications, a sports marketer in Jefferson City, Mo.; ISP Sports, a sports marketer in Winston-Salem, N.C.; WLEX-TV (Channel 18).

History: Cumulus owns two radio stations in Lexington that it bought from HMH Broadcasting for \$44 million in April. They include WVLK-AM 590, where the Cats' games have been aired for 52 years. HMH founder Ralph Hacker called UK basketball play-by-play. Hacker has said he's interested in continuing as the voice of the Wildcats no matter who wins the bid. As for football, WVLK personality Tom Leach calls play-by-play and probably will be courted by Host to continue.

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Full appeals court to hear suit: A lawsuit opposing censorship in college journalism will get a second hearing at the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. On Sept. 8, a three-judge panel of the court ruled that Kentucky State University in Frankfort had the authority to confiscate 2,000 copies of the student-produced yearbook in 1994. Two KSU students had sued KSU on First Amendment free-speech grounds. But the 15 judges of the 6th Circuit have voted to rehear arguments in the case as a full group, said the students' attorney, Bruce Orwin of Somerset. A hearing date has not been scheduled, Orwin said.

UK opens broadcast bids today

Host, Cumulus compete for rights

By Amy Baldwin
HERALD-LEADER BUSINESS WRITER

At 3 p.m. today in Room 206 of the University of Kentucky student center, UK's purchasing division will open sealed bids for the five-year broadcast rights to Wildcat football and men's basketball.

At stake is millions of dollars

in advertising revenues to the winning bidder. The exact amount UK gets should be apparent today and could easily top \$10 million. Lexington's Host Communications Inc. bought the four-year rights in 1996 for \$9.22 million, up 54 percent from the 1992 contract of \$6.1 million.

There will be at least two envelopes containing bids. One bid will be from Host, which is partnered with Clear Channel, the nation's largest radio company, and WKYT-TV (Channel 27). The other bid will come from Cumulus Media Inc., owner of WVLK 590 AM, which has aired the Cats' games for 52 years.

Cumulus itself is a newcomer not only to this market but also in the industry. Jim Host, chief executive of Host Communications, is a veteran sports syndicator who won radio rights for UK men's basketball and football games in 1974. Host's relationship with UK grew to include TV rights, coaches' endorsements and other marketing.

No one is talking about a third bidder. UK athletics officials said the only groups to visit the athletics department, which potential bidders are invited to do in the bid form, were the Cumulus and Host groups.

"As far as we know, there have been two serious groups interested in the bid," said Kyle Moats, assistant athletics director/marketing.

Cumulus' Lexington manager, Rick Shaw, went so far as to ask yesterday who else besides Host and Cumulus could possibly be out there.

"It would be kind of hard to imagine who else would bid," Shaw said.

Last month, Cumulus was tossed from the Host camp. That left Cumulus, formerly HMH Broadcasting, to find media partners willing to bid with it for the rights.

Cumulus is partnered with ISP Sports, a sports syndicator based in North Carolina, and last month was looking to woo WLEX-TV (Channel 18) to its camp. Shaw wouldn't comment yesterday on who's bidding with his company. Channel 18's general manager could not be reached for comment.

Jim Host said other parties are involved in his bid, but he wouldn't disclose who they are.

Host said he chose Clear Channel because the company had more listeners to offer. It came down to Clear Channel's dominance in Louisville and Cincinnati, cities where Cumulus doesn't have a presence, Host said.

That's important to UK, said Larry Ivy, senior associate athletics director at UK.

In its bid invitation, the UK Athletics Association requires Wildcat games to be aired in those cities, Lexington, Paducah, Bowling Green and Hazard, so more fans and alumni can hear them.

Securing key stations, which Shaw said Cumulus will do, could determine who lands the contract, which runs from April 16, 2000, through April 15, 2005.

The contract will not be officially awarded today. UK's purchasing division will oversee a committee that will evaluate the bids, said purchasing officer Gary Link. The winner of the bid will be selected by Dec. 25 and possibly, sooner, Link said.

The broadcast contracts have always gone to the highest bidder, but the university has the

right to consider other factors that play into airing and promoting the games.

"There would have to be something substantial" for that to happen, Link said. "I can't imagine what it would be."

Certain criteria, such as statewide network coverage, are called for in UK's bid invitation and must be met for bids to be considered, Link said.

Well-known play-by-play personalities Ralph Hacker and Tom Leach could continue as the voices of men's basketball and football, respectively. Leach still works for Cumulus, but he could contract with Host Communications to do the UK games. To avoid having a Cumulus personality calling football games aired on Clear Channel stations, Clear Channel could try to hire Leach away from Cumulus entirely.

But Clear Channel, which has said it would air the games on WBUL-FM and WLAE-AM, and Host said last month it's too soon to talk to Leach and Hacker about that. Leach did not return calls for this article.

Both Cumulus and Clear Channel have talked to Hacker, whose HMH Broadcasting was sold for \$44.5 million to Milwaukee-based Cumulus in April.

"Both sides have contacted me and said, 'If we get this, will you work for us?'" Hacker said.

Hacker is interested in calling the games, he said, no matter who gets the contract.

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College applications should be neat, legible

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College application season is here, and while most high school seniors will obsess over the essay that is a requisite for many colleges and universities, there is another part of the application package that is often overlooked — the application itself. Most of it may seem pretty self-explanatory: name, address, extracurricular activities, etc. But the application tells much more.

The application initiates the college selection and admission process," said Miriam King, vice president for enrollment management at New Jersey's Monmouth University, in Long Branch. "It is really a sign to us that the student is interested in possibly attending Monmouth."

The application form is a basic information-gathering tool, King said, along with the high school transcript, test scores (SAT, ACT), the form as a story of a student's high school career and achievements. Together, they are the primary pieces of information that colleges and universities use to make decisions.

While a student's acceptance is not based on how the application is filled out, King said, it is important for potential candidates to give their full attention to the form. In other words, make it neat, make it legible and

Following these tips may help you open doors

Gannett News Service

College applications may seem pretty self-explanatory, but bolt.com, the online site for teens, says there's more to them than meets the eye. Here, according to bolt.com, is what colleges don't tell you about filling out those forms:

■ Put the application away. Don't let the application define who you are. Start by brainstorming a page of all your activities, jobs, honors and achievements. Don't stop until the items on your page accurately and completely represent you. Then figure out how to fit all this information onto your application. Don't leave anything off just because it

doesn't fit. Make room for it.

■ Bend the rules. Unless an application specifically states that you must use the space provided, you can write "see attached" and add what you feel is needed on an extra sheet of paper. Don't go overboard, however. Don't make an admissions officer read unnecessary information — they hate that. But add whatever you think is necessary.

■ Avoid lists. Unless, of course, you only look good on lists. Write a short paragraph instead. Lists give facts. A paragraph tells a story. If you've worked at the same job for the past three years because you love your boss, and she's become a

second mother to you, don't just list this one job. Tell the college why you stayed.

■ Don't be gimmicky. Don't write your essay on a football. (This really happened.) You will only annoy admissions officers. (It did; he didn't get in.)

■ Your goal should be to represent yourself clearly, accurately and completely to a committee of people you've never met. Creativity is good; silliness is not.

■ Don't repeat yourself. They go it the first time; don't tell them again. Only ask them to "see attached" if you have additional information to reveal.

treat it with respect.

"It's not important for the admission decision but it is important for recordkeeping that the application is readable," King said.

While a lack of attention to such things as ZIP codes and birth dates or a legible name won't keep a student out, it will only prolong the decision because admissions officers will have to get in touch with the student to get the needed information.

While no preference is given between handwritten and type-written applications, King said, it is important that the information be factual and presented in a coherent, logical fashion. In other words, this is the time to break out the good pens, Webster's Dictionary and a grammar book.

With more and more students attending college, the competition is fierce. It's important, then, for stu-

dents to present themselves in the best available light. That means having a full college prep curriculum in high school and being involved in some extracurricular activities.

What it doesn't mean, though, King said, is for a student to be overwhelmed with extracurricular activities or after-school jobs.

"Colleges are looking for students who have had a well-rounded school experience."

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Professor accused of thefts at U of L

professor who joined the U of L faculty in 1967, said he had no comment.

Goldsmith said Nelson will remain on the faculty until the case is resolved. She said Nelson is teaching two economics courses this semester and is scheduled to teach four next semester. His salary is \$78,588.

Nelson, who has a doctorate in economic theory and agricultural economics from the University of Kentucky, has been a budget analyst under contract to the Louisville Board of

Aldermen since 1984. In a statement yesterday, Alderman Steve Magre, the board's president, said Nelson has provided advice on budgets, tax policies and other matters.

His current contract, for a maximum of \$50,000, runs through June 30.

Magre said he was aware of the attorney general's investigation and cooperated with it. "It appears that the indictment... arises solely out of Dr. Nelson's relationship with the University of Louisville," Magre's statement said.

Magre said he is reviewing the matter and plans to discuss it with his colleagues.

Gov. Paul Patton appointed Nelson to fill a vacancy on the Executive Branch Ethics Commission in early 1996. The commission rules on complaints and questions about ethical matters for administration employees. He reappointed Nelson to a full four-year term in July 1996. Nelson was the commission's vice chairman for a year ending last August.

Nelson resigned from the commission on Oct. 25. His brief letter of resignation made no reference to the investigation, but he said he believed he should resign because he was

about to undertake a research project for the governor's office relating to education.

The indictment accuses Nelson of stealing at least \$300 from U of L on 19 occasions, but it does not specify a total amount.

It charges him with one count of theft in August 1996, and one count each month from October 1996 to March 1998. He is accused of stealing money at the end of each month, though the indictment does not give any further details.

During that time, Nelson was the director of the Urban Studies Institute at U of L. Goldsmith said Nelson had been the director since 1992 but left the position in October 1998 — the same month university officials turned over information to the attorney general's office.

Goldsmith declined to comment on the nature and timing of Nelson's departure from that post.

For years, the Urban Studies Institute, a social policy and economic research center, has issued reports on the economic impact of activity at Louisville's airports, particularly Louisville International Airport.

Rande Swann, a spokeswoman for the Regional Airport Authority, said the attorney general's office asked for copies of its contracts with U of L and for copies of checks made payable to U of L.

She said she didn't know any more details of the investigation and it was a matter between the university and Dr. Nelson.

"As far as the airport authority is concerned, we don't have a problem," she said.

Swann said the airport authority had two types of contracts with the university — one to conduct a com-



John P. Nelson, 57, who joined the U of L faculty in 1967, had no comment on charges he stole at least \$300 from U of L on 19 occasions.

prehensive economic impact survey every three years and another to issue a quarterly economic report. She said that for many of the contract Nelson was the lead faculty member responsible for the work. She didn't know the exact number of contracts.

Swann said U of L was paid \$5,000 for each comprehensive survey, but she didn't know how much it was paid for each quarterly report.

Nelson is scheduled to be arraigned Monday in Jefferson Circuit Court.

Staff writer Tom Loftis contributed to this story.

Economist once on ethics board faces 19 counts

KIM WESSEL
The Courier-Journal

A University of Louisville economics professor who once served on a state ethics commission was indicted by a Jefferson County grand jury yesterday on charges that he embezzled thousands of dollars from the university.

John P. Nelson, 57, is charged with 19 counts of theft, deception, Class D felonies; the maximum prison sentence for convictions on all 19 counts is 20 years. The indictment

accuses him of stealing the money over about a year and a half, beginning in August 1996.

Rae Goldsmith, a spokeswoman at U of L, said university officials were conducting a routine check of financial records late last year when they discovered information that they turned over to the Kentucky attorney general's office. She declined to elaborate.

The attorney general's office began an investigation.

The indictment reveals little about the allegations. It does not state precisely how much money was taken — or how it was taken.

Corey Bellamy, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, declined to elaborate.

When reached at his office yesterday, Nelson, a tenured

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States have made strides in education

But national goals panel set in 1990 have not been met

By ANJETTA McQUEEN
Associated Press

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THE RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Since 1989, the nation has worked toward achieving national education goals crafted by Presidents Bush and Clinton and the nation's governors. These are the measures of goals that schools, students and communities were expected to meet by 2000, and how the nation as a whole has done on each:

All children will start school ready to learn: Generally, states have improved in this category, which includes making sure that children are fully immunized against preventable childhood diseases, that more parents are reading to their young children and that more poor families can send their children to preschool. But 36 states failed to reduce the percentages of children with abnormally low birth weights.

The high school graduation rate will be 90 percent or higher: The national average has fluctuated from 86 percent in 1990 to 85 percent in 1998. But 17 states have reached the goal.

Students will leave grades 4, 8 and 12 having shown competence over challenging subject matter: Achievement is up in math, but down or the same in reading for all except eighth-graders. Officials are awaiting data to be released in 2000 and beyond for comparisons in writing, science, history, geography and civics.

U.S. students will be the first in the world in math and science: In math, 20 of 40 countries scored above the United States among eighth-graders, and 14 of 20 countries scored above U.S. 12th-graders. In science, nine of 40 countries were above U.S. eighth-graders, and 11 of 20 countries were above the 12th-graders. But within the United States, more students, including females and minorities, are earning college degrees in math and science.

Every American adult will be literate: The panel says up-to-date figures are not available.

Schools will be free of drugs, guns and violence: Mixed results. Teachers say disruptions in classrooms are up and more children report using drugs or buying and selling them at school. But students also report that threats or injuries at school are down.

Schools will promote partnerships with parents: Unchanged overall.

Teachers will have access to professional development: The number of high school teachers who hold undergraduate or graduate degrees in their main area of teaching has fallen to 63 percent from 66 percent.

Among state improvements the panel found throughout the decade:

■ Maryland and North Dakota led states that achieved a 90 percent or better high school graduation rate in 1997. They had the highest rates at 95 percent, followed by Vermont (94), Connecticut (92), Hawaii (92), Kansas (92), Maine (92), New Jersey (92), Massachusetts (91), Michigan (91), Montana (91), Nebraska (91), Utah (91), Wisconsin (91), Minnesota (90) and Missouri (90), and South Dakota (90).

■ Michigan increased by 12 percent the proportion of eighth-graders performing well in math. The other states that followed were Minnesota (11), North Carolina (11), Connecticut (9) and Wisconsin (9).

■ In the District of Columbia, 25 percent more high school graduates went on to college. Double-digit increases were also noted in California (16), South Carolina (16), Massachusetts (14) and Delaware (10).

centage of teachers involved in on-the-job training programs. The state also fared well in the percentage of new teachers who worked with a mentor teacher in their first year and the percentage of schools where parents have an influence on policy.

The state also earned high grades compared with other states on three areas of school safety: the low percentage of students who reported being threatened or injured with a

weapon on school grounds, the percentage of students who said they'd been in a fight on school property and the percentage of students who said they feel safe at school.

Robert Sexton, director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, based in Lexington, said the report offered a mixed message of accomplishment and a need to improve that is familiar to most people watching Kentucky schools.

"Clearly we've made gains compared to other states, but we think we have a long way to go and the focus needs to be on improved teaching at the classroom level," Sexton said.

ON ACADEMICS, the report said Kentucky had made progress in increasing the percentage of public school fourth-graders proficient in reading.

On the other hand, the report said the state had declined in two areas. The percentage of infants born at low birth weight went up from 1990 to 1997, the report said. And the percentage of public school secondary teachers with a degree in their main teaching area went down, from 65 percent in 1991 to 53 percent in 1994, the last time national records were collected.

The report found Indiana among the top-performing states in four categories: its high school graduation rate, the percentage of public secondary teachers with a degree and a certificate in their main teaching assignment and the percentage of adults with high literacy levels.

Yesterday's report also declared Indiana among the fastest risers in increasing the percentage of fourth-graders proficient in math, the percentage of new teachers getting coaching from a veteran teacher and reducing the percentage of principals who see lack of parent involvement as a serious problem in their school.

Staff writer Lonnie Harp contributed to this story.

U.S. falling short of education goals

But some progress has been made, panel says

By Anjetta McQueen
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"The goals we have set are like a North Star," said Riley, a panel member who was governor of South Carolina when the movement began. "They give us a sense of direction and they challenge us to keep moving forward."

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Also, over the decade, more states increased high school graduation rates, and the percentages of students earning degrees in math and science.

Serious challenges remain on all eight goals, panel members acknowledged, but many educators said that did not mean the mission was a failure.

Greg Gallagher, an education improvement team leader for the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, said, "The national goals for the first time identify what we're trying to achieve. This is a very complex country with a lot of different populations. How can you improve if you don't know what you're shooting for?"

North Dakota, Maine and Connecticut consistently do the best, as measured by how closely they meet the goals, the panel's report found. Colorado, Connecticut, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas have shown the biggest improvement in meeting the goals during the 1990s, the panel said. Connecticut, the District of Columbia and North Carolina were cited for strides made in numerous categories.

Despite the praise for states, some schools and districts have struggled with new standards and goals, often having to push back plans to fire substandard teachers and stop promoting failing children when too many fail the new tests.

Some fear the backlash could be aimed at the panel, which does not set policy and mainly collects data. At issue for some critics is the renewal of the federal funds the group gets to study the goals.

No second target year has been set, said panel member Rep. Matthew Martinez, D-Calif.

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Parents of student killed in dorm fire sue

Murray State housing officials, regents named

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MURRAY, Ky. — The parents of a student killed in a dormitory fire last year have sued several Murray State University officials.

The lawsuit, filed by Johnny and Gail Minger of Niceville, Fla., names the Murray State Board of Regents, MSU's housing director and its associate vice president of facilities man-

agement as defendants.

The Mingers allege that their son, Michael, faced discrimination because he was not allowed to live off campus although he had a disability.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in Calloway Circuit Court, also accuses the regents, and housing officials Paula Hulick and Dewey Yeatts, of hiding or failing to inform Minger and his parents about safety in Hester Hall, where the fire broke out.

The Mingers claim that they were not told that a fire on Hester's fourth floor on Sept. 13, 1998 — five days before the blaze that killed Michael — was arson.

The Mingers are asking for un-

specified damages. John Rall, MSU's general counsel, said he had not been served a copy of the lawsuit.

The lawsuit accuses the university and the listed employees of:

- Violations of federal disability, fair-housing and rehabilitation laws, and state civil-rights laws.

- Failure to install fire-protection systems, such as sprinklers, in dormitories at the time of the Sept. 18 fire.

The suit claims that Michael met federal and state definitions of a disabled person because he had dyslexia, attention-deficit disorder, and problems with space perception and orientation.

Because of his disabilities, living Hester was "unsafe for Michael as life-threatening, in that he was unable . . . to find his way to safety the event of emergencies," the suit said.

Minger and his parents asked that he be allowed to live elsewhere, including off campus, the suit said. But the defendants denied the request, the suit said, discriminating against Minger by failing to accommodate his disability and by not providing information about safety at the dormitory — specifically, the Sept. 13 fire.

The lawsuit is one of four legal actions filed by Minger's family stemming from his death.

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THE SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED TEACHERS

'Love-hate relationship'

No one in her right mind would become a teacher, I can say this because I am a teacher, and I am certainly not in my right mind.

If I were a physician, how many patients would I see in a day? Perhaps 20, 30? If I were a lawyer, how many clients? Ten, 12? As a teacher, I am likely to see between 120 and 150 clients a day — in groups of 25 to 30 at a time. Still, I am expected to know each of them personally, to determine their individual needs and to interact with professionalism, skill and limitless patience in meeting those needs. I am expected to challenge, to motivate, to inspire.

I design instruction. I make many of my own teaching materials. I plan. I type handouts and tests. I grade papers. If I give each essay 15-20 minutes, I can grade three or four an hour, outside of instructional time. If I assign an essay to 60 of my students, I am giving myself 15 to 20 hours of homework. (What if I could bill that time as lawyers do?)

I make executive decisions all day long, the kind of decisions that really affect another individual's well-being, her sense of self, her development

as an intellectual and moral person. I communicate values whether I mean to or not because my clients are highly impressionable, and I am in a position of immeasurable power. (If you question this, think of a teacher who once hurt your feelings or made you feel proud of yourself.)

In return for this incredible level of responsibility, my culture rewards me with a salary that will not support a family. Most teachers are women, and, historically, a teaching salary has been a second income. But what if it is the only income?

Additionally, my culture gives lip service to appreciating my commitment to children. But Americans actually have a love-hate relationship with teachers and, in fact, with education. We remain suspicious of "too much book-learning."

Indeed, if we cared about our children the way we say we do, we wouldn't be scrounging around for teachers on the premise that this is a job anybody can do. We would make the profession highly selective, demanding that only the best be allowed to influence our children in their formative years, and we would pay our teachers at the level at which we pay our doctors, our lawyers — and,

heaven forbid, our sports stars!

Why does anyone wonder that there is a teacher shortage?

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Volunteer in a classroom

The Nov. 28 article on teachers gave me some moments to ponder the teaching profession. The general public is a strange boss for teachers. They fail to understand that teaching is the foundation of all other professions. Just don't people go into teaching? Why? Did you know how to read and do math? The dumb part of being a teacher is that we have committed to work in a profession and have our futures up to an "elite" group somewhere that has all the answers. Wonder why these folks aren't teaching? The reason is they are making thousands of dollars more in other professions, while telling us how to teach. (Some teacher taught them how to do their profession.)

Yes, we'll pay basketball, football, movie, music, etc., stars tens of thousands, but teachers will rip off the public treasury if you don't watch them. Wake up, you "elite" prophets! Leave those high-paying jobs, come on down and

show us how to get the job done!

The state of Kentucky implemented education reform, but it wanted teachers to work for nothing. I call on the state to "put your money where your mouth is." If you want students to go into teaching, then start teachers at \$35,000 a year and move up from there.

Talk about hard work, ask any teacher what the past nine years have been like in a Kentucky classroom. Never have so many been given so little to accomplish so much! Let's get real! Only one other field takes the emotional and mental toll that teaching does — emergency room nurses and doctors. At least they get paid for it! Did you know that some "dumb" teacher taught them their skills?

If you are one of those people who think teachers are paid too much, volunteer for a day in a classroom; do all that teacher does. You'll go back to your job and kiss your boss.

When I look around the nation, I see a society that has produced the greatest standard of living on earth. Guess who is behind that success? A teacher!

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The right priorities

State must invest in existing schools

State Sen. Benny Ray Bailey thinks the budget proposed by the Council on Postsecondary Education has the wrong priorities.

We disagree. Kentucky can ill-afford to stretch its higher education dollars to serve regions that now lack four-year, state-supported colleges. Instead, the state should invest in improving the universities, community colleges and technical schools it already has.

Bailey, D-Hindman, said the proposed higher education budget heaps money on existing universities while leaving areas such as Eastern Kentucky still wanting for educational opportunities.

That's a frequent complaint of many residents of Eastern Kentucky who — not satisfied with the locations of Morehead State University and Eastern Kentucky University — have lobbied long and hard for a four-year university in the heart of the mountains. As an

alternative to Gov. Paul Patton's proposal to remove the community colleges from the control of the University of Kentucky, House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, even proposed — albeit unsuccessfully — turning at least some of the two-year colleges into four-year schools.

Similar calls for a four-year university have been echoed by residents of Ashland and by Southern Kentuckians in the Somerset area.

Certainly, if the hands of time could be turned back, the educational needs of this state would be better served if the state universities were more evenly distributed throughout Kentucky. Instead of having the misnamed Eastern Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University all located within a 25-mile radius of Lexington, it would have been better for one of the schools to

burg and another in Somerset.

But what's done is done, and until Kentucky's four-year universities have earned reputations as among the nation's best research and regional universities, it makes little sense to further divert higher education dollars to create four-year schools that lack the funds to provide truly outstanding educations.

Gordon Davies, president of the Council on Postsecondary Education, said the council's proposed budget is designed to help existing universities grow into better places, but he added that there also are incentives for the schools to attract more students from counties with the least educated populations.

That's the right priority. Fortunately, the most powerful politician from Eastern Kentucky recognizes this. Gov. Paul Patton knows that when it comes to four-year state universities, more is not better.

Morehead State bell tower wall draws criticism

By Frank E. Lockwood
NORTHEASTERN KENTUCKY BUREAU

MOREHEAD — What Morehead State University wanted was a "visual pathway" linking its library and bell tower.

What it got, critics say, is a \$100,000 concrete structure that mars one of the prettiest spots on campus. It also got a boatload of headaches over how to minimize the damage.

At issue is the new Bell Tower Plaza, which has terraces, a seating area and ramps for the handicapped that were designed to complement a bell tower that opened in 1997.

The problem is that the plaza has walls that reach 10 feet high in places, drawing complaints that it blocks the view of the campus library, a Collegiate Gothic style building that's on the National Register of Historic Places. Others say the austere plaza walls clash with the campus' older buildings.

Earlier this year, more than 200 students and faculty signed petitions objecting to the plaza. Students interviewed this week said they remain unimpressed.

"I think it's an eyesore, honestly," said senior Corbett Ferguson of Cincinnati. "I think it takes away from the buildings and the architecture that are already here."

"It's definitely out of place," said senior Nicholas Basham of Franklin Furnace, Ohio. "I think things looked fine the way they were with just the general campus green."

University officials aren't happy with the way the plaza looks either.



"Our whole goal has always been to have a beautiful campus," said Pauline Young,

the university's communications director. "We were just disappointed, the way it looks now."

University officials asked an architectural firm to come up with a design that would improve the new plaza's appearance.

But the price tag — \$16,000 to remove the top of the wall, about \$50,000 to make other improvements to the plaza — drew more protests.

The campus newspaper, The Trailblazer, said the university shouldn't spend money to lower the wall. "Neither students nor taxpayers should have to pay for a mistake in a construction project the majority of the student body didn't want in the first place," an editorial said.

This week, in the plaza's shadow, students complained about its cost. "I think it's a horrible waste of money," said senior Michelle Napier of Louisville.

Even students who like the way the plaza looks are grumbling about the price tag.

"It's pretty, but I think they could've spent the money on something else," said sophomore Alisha Christy of Ashland.

Students complain that the expenses are inappropriate at a time

when tuition and fees are rising, from \$1,135 per semester during the 1998-99 school year to \$1,220 this year and \$1,255 next year.

University officials have listened to the criticism. After meet-

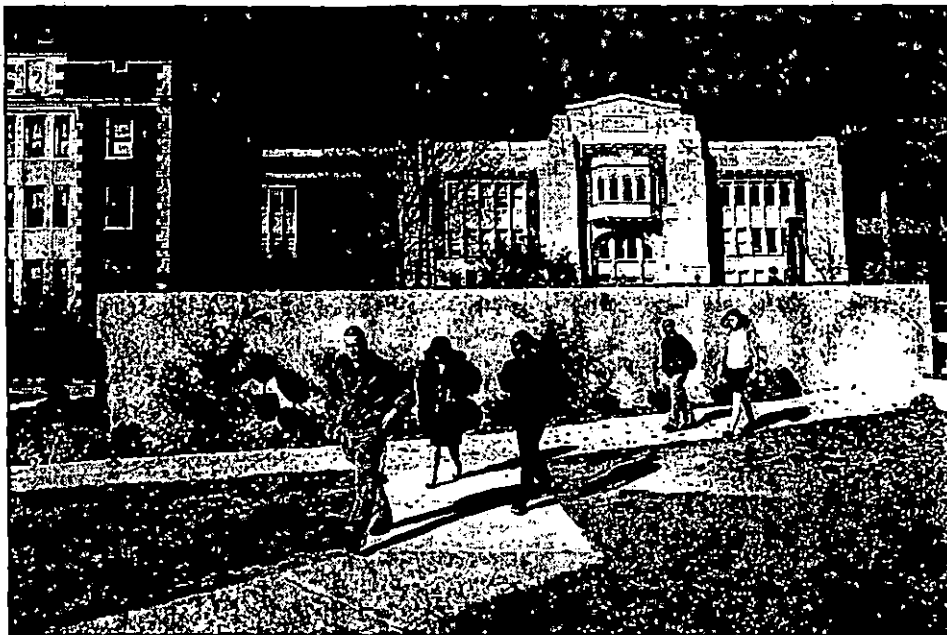
ing with faculty and student leaders, they have decided to leave the wall up. But they'll put more shrubs in front of it.

"We're hoping that will soften the appearance," said Porter Dailey, vice president for fiscal affairs.

Estimated cost for the new plants: \$1,000.

Morehead State University students walk in front of the Bell Tower Plaza wall, which some students and officials say is an eyesore. In lieu of taking down the wall, the university plans \$1,000 in new landscaping.

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Students with skills in computers, public speaking in demand

By Dee-Ann Durbin
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LANSING, Mich. — College graduates with a high level of computer proficiency and public-speaking skills are among the most desirable job candidates, according to a study released Friday.

Graduates will also find the labor market expanding 10 to 15 percent during the 1999-2000 academic year, according to the 29th annual Recruiting Trends survey from the Collegiate Employment Institute at Michigan State University.

"Not only is the labor market

poised to expand, but all academic majors will benefit from the increase in hiring levels," said Phil Gardner, the study's author. "This is very good news for college graduates. If they are qualified, they should find a job."

Gardner surveyed 320 employers nationwide, focusing on manufacturing, finance and professional services. In every region of the country, more than half reported that labor markets were "excellent" or "very good."

As in the past, employers said they are seeking solid communication abilities, computer aptitude and leadership and teamwork skills. This year, employers also put more emphasis on public speaking and presentation ability.

"Employers are looking for students who have higher levels of complex, critical thinking skills," Gardner said.

Graduates who understand Internet commerce and know computer graphics programs or pro-

gramming languages remain in high demand. But hiring of computer science majors will not be as intense as in the last two years, Gardner predicted.

Engineers and business majors will lead the pack in terms of hiring, Gardner said. The strongest sectors doing that hiring include manufacturing, construction, financial services and technical services.

The agricultural sector appeared to be the weakest nationally.

Computer science majors still lead in terms of expected starting salaries, at \$42,500. Engineering

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graduates can expect a \$41,700 starting salary; communications majors are at the low end, with expected starting salaries of \$25,600.

Gardner urged those with lesser starting salaries not to despair. Salary increases will be higher than in years past, he said, with employers hoping to keep increases as close to the inflation rate as possible.

"This is definitely a labor market for everyone," he said.

Larger companies are expected to lead the hiring boom. Those with more than 4,625 employees

say they plan to expand hiring by 21 percent this academic year. Companies with fewer than 750 employees say they plan to expand hiring between 12 percent and 26 percent, while companies with 750 to 4,625 employees expect a decline of 2 percent.

Gardner said positive factors affecting this year's job market include new product development, a strong national economy, the recovery of Asian economies and a shortage of qualified workers.

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More American college students studying abroad, survey finds

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Foreign shores beckon students

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Northern Virginia Community College had 2,984 foreign students among its 60,000 students in its last academic year.

They included Faten Iskandar, a 20-year-old Lebanese major in graphic design and fifth in her class to use the college as an educational gateway to America.

"First, it's cheaper than other places. Second, it's a great place to meet people from different countries and from the United States," Iskandar said from home she shares with her brother in Annandale, Va.

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Amber Lippincott, 23, earned college credits toward a degree at the University of Northern Iowa working in Germany at a summer camp for children of U.S. military personnel. The Iowa native liked it so much she spent the next two summers managing a similar camp in South Korea.

"Going overseas is opening your eyes to so much more," Lippincott said in a telephone inter-

view from Iowa. A leisure services major, she plans a career developing after-school programs for children, including those at risk.

Lippincott's forays were organized by Camp Adventure, a non-profit organization based in Cedar Falls near the university campus. Last year, 843 of the school's students, on the campus of 13,500 earned college credits overseas. More than 70 percent through Camp Adventure, where Lippincott now works while completing her degree.

She said the program helped her take more interest in the world outside Iowa, while deepening her regard for her home state. "You have a chance to leave and take a look back."

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COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

On campus

Busy college students make time to help others

Gifts from heart

In the midst of final exams, papers and end-of-semester stress, few would be surprised if college students were wrapped up in the world of academia.

But despite the pressure of the approaching final exams, college students are finding ways to help those less fortunate.

From canned food drives to holiday parties for needy children, Kentucky students are taking time to help others and count their blessings.

Here are some of the ways college students give back to their community.

Asbury students help Floyd victims rebuild

For some college students, the winter break means relaxing with friends and family and taking a break from the pressures of academic life. But for students at Asbury College in Wilmore, it also means cutting the break short to help others.

A group of 30 Asbury students and faculty will go to Grifton, N.C., during the last week of winter break to help victims of floods caused by Hurricane Floyd. Grifton, which is south of Greenville, was one of the many hard-hit areas.

The trip will be the second one by Asbury students, said Lynne Sparks, the college's community service coordinator. A group of 19 went to the area last month and shoveled muck out of houses. This time students will work on rebuilding houses.

"We all felt that this was something we really needed to do," Sparks said.

Students agreed.

"Most of us had never seen anything like that," said Amy Neal, one of the student organizers. "The people have such courage and faith that they can rebuild."

"It was amazing and incredibly gratifying to be helping in a real tangible way."

Berea College library offers 'Food for Fines'

Taking care of fines on overdue library books at Berea College also means taking care of others.

Patrons of the college's Hutchins Library can use canned goods to pay off overdue book and video fines. The program, known as "Food for Fines," is in its fourth year, and organizers expect to donate more than 2,000 cans to the Berea Community Food Bank.

The program works like this: one can equals one dollar. The fine for overdue books is 25 cents a day; for videos, \$1 a day.

Food for Fines founder Barbara Powers, head of circulation for the library, said the canned goods drive has been well-received. Students started asking in September if it would be repeated this year.

The amnesty offer also extends to town patrons of the college library. Powers says that even students who don't owe fines, as well as faculty members who don't have to pay fines, contribute to the effort.

"It's convenient for them because just about everyone comes to the library," Powers said.

Food For Fines runs through Dec. 16.

— HOLLY E. STEPP
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Centre College actors take plays to the kids

DANVILLE — Centre College senior Julee Baber has always loved drama and working with children. This fall, she discovered a new way to combine the loves.

Baber is the founder of the Traveling Toy Box, a student-led children's theater troupe.

Baber, and eight friends have performed at Danville's Woodlawn Children's Home and area hospitals, bringing fairy tales to life. And Baber, a Winchester native, won the college's monthly student volunteer award in November.

This fall's season included *Cinderella* and *The Emperor's New Clothes*.

Baber says the Traveling Toy Box is good way to take theater to children who otherwise may not have the experience.

"The kids are great," she said. "I think at that age they are so receptive to the arts and don't have preconceived notions about it yet."

Baber said she plans to take a break from the troupe next quarter to participate in the college's main student production, but said she hoped other troupe members would continue the performances.

"It is so important that we give back to our community," she said.

— HOLLY E. STEPP

Two EKV student groups aid the needy in area

Two student groups at Eastern Kentucky University need help to make the holidays brighter for area families and children.

Sigma Pi's annual Tree of Hope will be set up from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and until noon on Friday outside the Powell Building.

The tree is filled with paper ornaments, each giving the age and sex of a needy child at Richmond's Mayfield Elementary School. People can choose an ornament, buy a gift and return it (wrapped or unwrapped) to the Sigma Pi table before noon Friday.

Or you can drop off a donation and the fraternity members will do the shopping for any children not chosen.

Another opportunity to help is with Project Reach Out, sponsored by the Student Association.

The group needs donations by Thursday to buy groceries for food baskets, which will be distributed to needy families on campus. A \$30 donation will fill one basket. All donations are welcome.

The group hopes to fill more than 30 baskets. So far, \$300 has been collected.

Drop off donations at the Student Association office in Powell 132 by Thursday morning.

— RITA MACKIN FOX, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Clothing drive under way in UK residence halls

University of Kentucky students who live in campus residence halls will have the opportunity to remember those less fortunate than themselves this holiday season.

The UK Golden Key Honor society, the Residence Life Recycling program and residence hall staff are sponsoring a clothing and food drive for Lexington Inc.'s Community Task Force.

The Community Task Force sponsors the Feed the Hungry of Lexington program, and UK students are augmenting that effort with a clothing and book drive.

"We're really fortunate to be at the university and to have the opportunities that brought us here," said Jennifer Crawford, student director of the dorm recycling program. "That makes it more important that students help others who don't have such opportunities or even the warm clothing they need for the winter," she said.

Bins to collect clothing, books and food will be set up in each dorm lobby on Saturday and will be in place until Dec. 18.

Students can drop off items at the Residence Life Recycling office in the Pond Resource Center of the Blanding-Kirwan Commons.

— HOLLY E. STEPP

Squabble over cable TV appears over at Murray

After almost a semester of problems, it appears the conflict between Murray State students and Murray CableComm is on the path to resolution.

Residential College Association President Josh Williams and Murray CableComm Manager Dale Haney sat down recently to talk about the issues concerning students. About two weeks ago, the association gave CableComm a letter outlining students' concerns. Complaints ranged from bad television reception to poor customer service.

Both sides seemed pleased after the meeting.

"My attitude is positive," Williams said. "He was receptive to our concerns, and we talked about customer service and their merger with another company (Charter Communications)."

Haney said he felt the meeting was productive, and he is optimistic concerns will be handled more efficiently since a cooperative relationship was formed between the two sides.

"We are working in the direction of establishing some sort of regularly scheduled meeting with students so we can identify problems earlier and deal with them more efficiently," Haney said.

— JASON YATES,
THE MURRAY STATE NEWS

Eastern students hear, harangue soap-box orator

Jeremiah J. Baldwin of Monroe, Wash., had a sign and a purpose.

On Thursday, outside the Powell Building at Eastern Kentucky University, a crowd gathered to listen to Baldwin, one of the many preachers who sporadically come to campus to share their opinions.

He held a large and heavy-looking sign with his ideology wildly written across it. Baldwin preached against premarital sex, masturbation, Pentecostals and Mormons, the Bible Belt, rebellious women, bratty children, homosexuals and "perverts."

Some students remained for hours arguing, some skipping classes, hoping to get their point across.

Students lined the upper walkway and the grounds surrounding him hollering obscenities, questions and making rude comments.

Other students didn't appreciate what Baldwin had to say.

"I think he's very stereotypical and narrow-minded," said Brandi Mullins, a freshman from Danville. "I think he was a hypocrite."

— SAM GISH,
THE EASTERN PROGRESS

NKU set to take a dip into made-to-order meals

Euro-kitchen, a new style of food service currently in place in only 12 schools around the country, including Marshall University and Georgetown College, is coming to Northern Kentucky University.

Euro-kitchen involves having food made to order. The Euro-kitchen will tentatively be in place by fall 2000.

Food service coordinator Andy Meeks spoke to the Student Government Association about the new Euro-kitchen that will be implemented in the Norse Commons cafeteria.

Upgrading to the Euro-kitchen will cost more than \$300,000. The price of the meal plan could be raised by 10 percent to 12 percent.

— SAMANTHA BACELIERI AND
LESLIE DORRIS, THE NORTHERNER

Judge throws out lawsuit in Murray State dormitory fire

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MURRAY — A federal judge in Louisville has tossed out a lawsuit accusing a former Murray State University employee of negligence in a fatal dormitory fire at the school.

U.S. District Senior Judge Edward H. Johnstone ruled this week that Joe Green, a former MSU public safety director, is protected under state sovereign immunity from the lawsuit filed in July by Michael Priddy of Mas-sac, Ill.

The lawsuit claimed Green was negligent because he had failed to set up a security system to protect students on campus when the Sept. 18, 1998, arson fire started on Hester Hall.

The fire seriously injured Priddy and killed a fellow fourth-floor resident, Michael Minger of Niceville, Fla.

"It's going to make the holidays a little bit brighter for us," Green said yesterday of Johnstone's ruling. "My heart still goes

out to both of those families."

A federal lawsuit was filed in May on behalf of Minger's estate against Green and David Wilson, the university's associate director of housing. District Judge Thomas B. Russell in Louisville dismissed that action Sept. 8.

Priddy's father, Wayne Priddy, said he planned to appeal Johnstone's decision.

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College merger today

LCC, Central Kentucky Technical to combine respiratory care programs

By Holly E. Stepp

HERALD-LEADER EDUCATION WRITER

It's a good example of two of the most common buzzwords in the lexicon of the Kentucky higher education: collaboration and cooperation.

Central Kentucky Technical College and Lexington Community College today will formally merge their respiratory care programs. Organizers at both colleges say the merger will create a single degree that combines the best of technical and community college training.

Students who complete the new two-year program will be qualified as a registered respiratory technician, a credential that is becoming the standard for the industry.

More importantly, organizers say, students will get a more in-depth education that will better prepare them for the workplace.

The merger also is the first example of the two-year colleges working across boundaries.

LCC is the only community college to retain its connection to the University of Kentucky, after the 1997 higher education reform act. Central Kentucky Tech, like the 13 other community colleges and 15 technical colleges, is governed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Many state education observers worried that LCC would be isolated from the other colleges after the debate over UK's loss of the community colleges.

The merger of the respiratory care programs proves that coop-

eration and collaboration between LCC and KCTCS colleges can happen, said Bonnie Nicholson, health sciences department chairwoman at Central Kentucky Technical.

"We have been able to come together and create a program that is in the best interests of students and meets the needs of the community," said Nicholson.

"The bottom line is that this area will have better trained respiratory care professionals."

Respiratory therapists work with doctors and nurses to treat breathing disorders.

Under the merger, the faculty of the both colleges would teach classes at both campuses and share planning responsibilities.

The merger will eliminate Central Kentucky Tech's diploma program in favor of an associate degree offered by LCC. In 2002, the American Association for Respiratory Care will require that all entry-level respiratory care technicians have at least an associate degree.

Students in the merged program, which will begin in the summer of 2000, will officially be enrolled at LCC and pay that college's tuition, which is about \$400 a semester more than the tuition at Central Kentucky Tech.

Both schools' programs are small, with eight students each.

"We knew there was no point in having two degrees," said Rebecca Simms, director of Central Kentucky Tech's respiratory care program.

The result, said LCC's Jim Matchuny, is a program that is greater than the sum of its parts.

"We were strong in theory and general education, but our clinical labs were shorter and less in-depth than the technical college's," said Matchuny, coordinator of LCC's respiratory care program.

"But the technical college was the opposite, so now our students have the best of both."

The Bluegrass region should expect additional joint efforts between LCC and Central Kentucky Tech, said Keith Bird, KCTCS' technical college chancellor.

"This is exactly what is expected of both schools," said Bird, adding joint worker training programs for area industries are also planned for the colleges.

"In this region, LCC is the obvious community college partner for Central Kentucky Technical College."

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Centre College senior, 18, is named Rhodes Scholar

The Courier-Journal

A senior involved with AIDS research at Centre College in Danville, Ky., is one of 32 Americans named Rhodes Scholars for the year 2000.

Michael Lanham, 18, of Gravel Switch, Ky., is among the scholarship winners, the Rhodes program announced yesterday. He is the seventh Rhodes Scholar from Centre.

The program is the oldest source of international study awards for Americans and is considered one of the most prestigious forms of undergraduate college recognition. This year Yale and West Point, with three selections each, led 26 colleges and universities with students chosen to receive Rhodes scholarships for two or three years' study at Oxford University in England. William and Mary and Harvard had two Rhodes scholars each.

Lanham, a graduate of Marion County High School, may be the youngest Rhodes Scholar this year, according to program officials.

**Michael
Lanham, a
graduate of
Marion County
High, entered
Centre College
at age 15.**

He entered Centre at age 15, specializing in biology and mathematics as well as being a musician and actor. He was named a Trustee Scholar by the school along with being one of two juniors named to Phi Beta Kappa.

Last summer, Lanham had a research position at Cornell University in biological mathematics, working on a team of scientists investigating AIDS. He has expressed interest in mathematical modeling as a way of studying diseases and

plans to apply his Rhodes scholarship toward a doctorate in mathematics from Oxford.

Lanham, the son of H. Kevin and Jan Lanham, spent his fall term this year studying in London as part of Centre's international study program. He returned early to participate in the final round of selection interviews for Rhodes Scholars, held in Chicago.

His singing and acting abilities have put him on the Centre stage in shows ranging from "Cabaret" to "A Dickens Christmas."

In 1998-99, he won first place in Kentucky's collegiate choral competition in the junior men's division. He also plays French horn.

The Rhodes program was created in 1902 by the will of British philanthropist and colonialist Cecil Rhodes. With the 2000 class, 2,886 Americans have won Rhodes scholarships. This year's entries came from 935 applicants representing 323 colleges and universities.

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SSU offers master's in education

PORTSMOUTH —

Shawnee State University will offer a master's degree program in education administration beginning in January.

Students will complete the degree via the University of Akron's distance learning capabilities in SSU's distance learning lab, located in Clark Memorial Library.

Interactive television will be used to allow students on the SSU campus to see, speak to and listen to teachers on the University of Akron campus.

Those interested in the program should visit the SSU Graduate Center in the Office of the Provost suite in Massie Hall at 940 Second St.

Prospective students must pay a \$25 registration fee and register to take the Miller Analogies Test on Dec. 15.

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MSU surplus sale offers high tech at a low rate

By Frank E. Lockwood
NORTHEASTERN KENTUCKY BUREAU

MOREHEAD — It used to be a high-tech wonder, but now it's an information highway has-been.

That's why the IBM Personal System 2 laptop computer is on sale at the Morehead State University Surplus Store for the bargain-basement price of \$25.

Most onetime electronic marvels — like the 50 or so computers for sale — will end up here eventually. Formerly cutting-edge, now cut-rate.

Among the bargains: Hewlett-Packard computers with color monitors for \$50. Movie projectors for \$5. IBM Selectric Typewriters for \$1.

"You can get excellent bargains," Communications Professor

Michael Biel said yesterday. "But it's a buyer beware situation."

As the sign notes:

"Sold As Is"

"All Sales Final"

"No Refunds"

Still, with prices so low, many customers are willing to take their chances.

Yesterday, Biel bought two 1960s-vintage stereo speakers for \$15. "I'm tickled pink to get a pair of them," he said.

Tam Le, a Morehead manicurist, bought his first computer, a five-year-old HP 486, and raved about the price — \$50, including monitor and keyboard.

"It's great. It's good. It's very good," he said.

MSU used to store its excess equipment and furniture in a tobacco warehouse. It unloaded the surplus goods once a year at an auction.

But three years ago, it opened its surplus store. On the first and third Mondays of each month, bargain hunters flock to the old Cowden Sewing Factory a couple of miles from campus for the sale.

Committees set the prices. If the items don't move, the asking price is slashed.

Last year, the store raised nearly \$18,000 for the school.

High-tech, low-tech, and no-tech items are for sale.

There are \$1 chairs — in colors like lemon, lime and orange — that saw their best days during the Carter administration:

An orange couch for \$5; a decades-old GM Frigidaire refrigerator for \$5; and a beat-up baby grand piano for \$300. A set of 200 student desks for \$25.

Ron Middleton, a Morehead convenience store assistant manager, bought an end-table for \$5, praising its "fine 1960s craftsmanship."

Said Middleton: "If you're in dire straits for an end-table, this is a great place to come."

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Centre celebrity has a mind to excel

DANVILLE — The math problem had been plaguing Bill Breeze for weeks. So one night during a gathering of his wife's students from Centre College, he passed the problem on to math major Michael Lanham to see whether he'd have more luck.

By night's end, Lanham tossed the answer in Breeze's lap.

"As he was seemingly interacting with everyone, he had worked it out," said Breeze's wife, Barbara Hall. "In his head, he'd been ticking off numbers."

That nonchalance is deceptive, disguising Lanham's love of learning that led him to become the youngest person in at least 30 years to be named a Rhodes Scholar.

The 18-year-old senior from Gravel Switch was among the 32 to receive the honor last weekend, the oldest of international awards for Americans to study at Oxford University in England.

"My family has always put a lot of importance on academics," said Lanham. "I couldn't live very well if I thought I was just doing a second-best job."

Lanham skipped first, second and ninth grades, graduating at the top of his Marion County High School class at age 14 and entering Centre as a 15-year-old.

In May, he will graduate with degrees in math and music. He expects to pursue a doctorate in mathematics, a three-year program at Oxford, next fall.

Lanham plans to continue research he began this summer as an intern at Cornell University, looking at how disease spreads through populations.

Lanham's academic accolades at Centre include receiving the school's most prestigious scholarship and spending the past three months studying in London.

An actor, musician, club president and tutor, he doesn't spend much time hitting the books — he doesn't really need to.

"It comes pretty clear to him," math professor John Wilson said. "He seems to grasp what you say as soon as you say it."

At 6 feet, 9 inches tall, it's hard to tell that the sandy-haired, lanky student is three years younger than many of his classmates.

"He has a natural curiosity and really likes to learn new things and exercise his mind," said Hall, a music professor.

Lanham grew up in Lebanon and moved to Gravel Switch four years ago. His mother is an elementary arts teacher in Marion County, and his father is a to-

(MORE)

...bacco and cattle farmer. He has two younger brothers who are also advanced in school.

"My mother was grade-advanced, and her father was grade-advanced," Lanham said. "It's in the family, I guess."

Lanham's ease with academics has allowed him to pursue several extracurricular activities.

He founded Centre's music fraternity and is a member of several clubs and music ensembles. He sings, plays the piano and French horn, and has been involved in several musical productions.

He has also put his public-speaking skills to the test, addressing several education groups about the needs of gifted students.

While he hasn't set firm plans for his future, he's interested in teaching math or music. He's also interested in conducting or taking his talents on Broadway. He also might try medical school.

"I can really see myself being in school for many years after this doing research," he said.

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Professor denies stealing from U of L

Economist faces 19 counts of theft by deception

By KIM WESSEL
The Courier-Journal

A University of Louisville economics professor pleaded innocent yesterday in Jefferson Circuit Court to charges that he embezzled thousands of dollars from the university.

John P. Nelson, 57, was booked at the Jefferson County Jail, then released on his own recognizance. He is charged with 19 counts of theft by deception, a felony. If convicted of all counts, he could face up to 20 years in prison.

Nelson was indicted last week on charges that he stole at least \$300 from U of L on 19 occasions over a year and a half, beginning in August 1996. But details about the charges remained sketchy yesterday, with prosecutors and Nelson saying little publicly.

Nelson, a tenured professor who joined the U of L faculty in 1967, did not speak at his arraignment yesterday.

In an interview outside court, Nelson's lawyer, Steve Pence, said

he doesn't know anything about the allegations other than what's in the indictment.

"That's all I know," Pence said. "Until we get more details, there isn't much we can say about it."

The indictment itself reveals little. It does not state precisely how much Nelson is accused of stealing or how it was stolen.

Outside court yesterday, Karen Timmel, the prosecutor in the case, declined to elaborate. She said ethical guidelines preclude her from commenting beyond what is in court documents.

She is expected to file some evidence in the case, as part of discovery, in the next few weeks.

Nelson is scheduled to appear in court again March 3.

The indictment charges Nelson with one count of theft in August 1996 and one count each month from October 1996 to March 1998. He is accused of stealing the money at the end of each month.

Last week, when Nelson was indicted, U of L spokeswoman Rae Goldsmith said university officials discovered information during a routine check of financial records late last year that they turned over to the state attorney general's office. She declined to elaborate yes-

terday.

She said Nelson will remain on the faculty until the case is resolved. She said he is teaching two economics courses this semester and is scheduled to teach four next semester. His salary is \$78,586.

In the period he is alleged to have taken the money, Nelson was the director of the Urban Studies Institute at U of L. Goldsmith said Nelson had been the director since 1992 but left the position in October 1998 — the same month university officials turned over information to the attorney general's office.

Goldsmith declined to comment on the nature and timing of Nelson's departure from that post.

Nelson, who has a doctorate in economic theory and agricultural economics from the University of Kentucky, was once on a state ethics commission. Gov. Paul Patton appointed him to fill a vacancy on the Executive Branch Ethics Commission in early 1996. The commission rules on complaints and questions about ethical matters for administration employees.

Nelson resigned from the commission on Oct. 25. His brief letter of resignation did not mention the investigation.

Allie Young:

Politician responsible for school's beginnings

From Staff Reports

"Sleep softly, eagle forgotten, under this stone..." So begins "The Eagle That Is Forgotten" by Vachel Lindsay.

Of all the persons who have left their footprints on the streets of Morehead, none have had a more lasting impact than Allie Young. Yet in

the over 60 years since his untimely death in 1935, his name has been buried in the accumulated pages of history.

Who was this man? What was his contribution to our mutual history? Born in



Allie Young

millennium
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Allie Young
1865-1935

1865 in Elizaville, in Fleming County, to Zachary T. and Amelia O'Bannon Young, he followed his father into the practice of law, serving as county attorney in Rowan and Montgomery counties.

Later, he served 12 years as circuit judge, being succeeded in that office by his brother, William A. Young. After a stint as general counsel for the Consolidated Coal Corporation, he successfully sought a State Senate seat.

It was in the Legislature that Young's full talents came to fruition, as his skill in debating, knowledge of parliamentary law and swift legal analysis soon catapulted him into the

Democratic floor leader's position.

While there he used his considerable influence to good effect for his home community. The new road that he championed between Morehead and Flemingsburg (now called KY 32) was for many years known as the Allie Young Highway.

Even before he was elected to the legislature in 1923, Morehead State University, then Morehead Normal School, was Young's pet project. He brought his usual passion to the Board of Regents, where he served from 1924 until his death, once offering to loan the struggling school \$10,000, interest free, from his own pocket to meet expenses.

The Normal School had fallen on lean times and declining enrollment in the early '20s. The last Commencement was held in May 1922, and the school's doors were closed for the next academic year.

The legislature had determined that the state would fund one State Normal School in eastern Kentucky. Ashland, Louisa, Morehead, Paintsville and West Liberty cast their hats in the ring.

The eight member commission soon deadlocked between Morehead and Paintsville.

W.S. Wallen, who had previously voted for the Paintsville site, traveled to Morehead in November. He fell in love with the mountain campus, and changed his vote. There is every reason to believe that Young's personal relationship with Wallen, and his powers of persuasion, broke the deadlock and brought the school here.

Allie Young's old law office is now owned by Morehead State University, which has agreed to allow the Rowan County Historical Society to restore it on the historic site where it currently stands.

One can imagine Wallen and Young sequestered in Young's private office, Young gesturing through the window at the adjacent campus, driving home the argument for the Morehead location, winning the biggest case of his career.

There would be no Morehead Eagles without Allie Young. How fitting that he, whose actions allowed so many to find their wings and their dreams, will not be forgotten.

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Noland is named interim school chief

By LONNIE HARP
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FRANKFORT, Ky. — The state Board of Education yesterday bypassed its two deputy education commissioners in choosing Kevin Noland as interim state school chief.

Noland, 47, served as interim education commissioner in 1995 before Wilmer Cody took the post. Cody is retiring at the end of the year.

The board selected Noland, currently its general counsel, after a closed session that lasted nearly an hour. He said yesterday that he will not seek permanent appointment to the state's top school job.

In making the selection, the board passed over deputy commissioners Randy Kimbrough and Gene Wilhoit, both of whom said they are interested in the commissioner's post though they said separately that they have yet to decide whether to apply. The board is expected to discuss the qualities it wants in a new commissioner when its meeting continues today.

Board chairwoman Helen Mountjoy said that some board members were interested in not filling the interim post with someone who might contend for the job. But she added that members were even more interested in having Noland represent the agency when the legislature convenes next month.

Mountjoy also said that without a permanent leader, the board needs the two deputy commissioners and other top administrators to work well together. "During this interim period, the work of the deputies and staff becomes more important," she said. "It is critical that the teamwork that has been displayed be continued."

Kimbrough said yesterday that she will wait for the board's statement on what it wants in a new commissioner before deciding whether to pursue the job. She is a former Warren County superintendent and longtime state education administrator who now heads the agency's management and budget operations.

Wilhoit, meanwhile, said he wants to consult with colleagues before deciding whether to apply for the job. Before coming to Kentucky to head the agency's classroom and curriculum programs in 1997, he

was the school chief in Arkansas. He also has administrative experience at the U.S. Department of Education and was director of the National Association of State Boards of Education in Washington.

"I was a commissioner at one time, and I enjoyed it, but right now I'm mostly interested in continuing to be part of this department's effort to improve education in Kentucky," he said.

The board plans to award a contract in mid-January to a search firm and hopes to begin interviewing commissioner candidates in April.

Noland said that with the General Assembly session

looming, this assignment will be more hectic than his earlier six-week stint. He said he will push hard for the board's legislative goals of getting more assistance for struggling schools, more money for academic training for teachers, new efforts to reduce racial and gender gaps in achievement, and refining the state's testing program.

Also yesterday:

■ The state received praise from U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley, who stopped by after partici-

pating in Gov. Paul Patton's inauguration ceremonies.

Riley, a former South Carolina governor who has been the nation's top education official since 1993, said Kentucky is an example to other states in how to design and stick with school-improvement programs.

"You've resisted what so many others have not been able to resist — the temptation for quick, easy solutions and having an education system driven by fads," he said. "You all have shown what we really need, which is to get grounded in a reform that makes sense to people and sustain it."

Riley read a short list of education statistics that show Kentucky making progress in the 1990s.

"All groups and all levels of children are achieving more than they were 10 years ago, and you should be proud of that," Riley said.

■ The board approved its initial plan for auditing low-scoring schools beginning in 2002. The board also approved a new system for identifying school districts for assistance based on test-score trends. Both plans will be scheduled for a public hearing before they return to the board for a final vote next year.



Guenter Schuster, right, a professor of biology at EKU who was recently honored by the Kentucky Academy of Science, showed specimens to a student.

EKU professor named '99 Outstanding Teacher

HERALD-LEADER STAFF REPORT

Guenter Schuster, professor of biology at Eastern Kentucky University, was named by the Kentucky Academy of Science as the 1999 Outstanding Teacher at the college or university level.

Schuster, a native of Austria, came to EKU 20 years ago and received his master's degree in biology from EKU in 1977. He also has a doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

Schuster, a trained aquatic zoologist who specializes in systematics, natural history, biogeography and ecology, is the quintessential college professor, said Barbara Ramey, chairwoman of Eastern's Department of Biological Sciences.

"He has touched the lives of many students, and his influence

has reached far beyond the walls of the classroom," Ramey said.

Schuster loves teaching, Ramey said, and he has maintained a research program focusing on experience and training.

Securing more than \$65,000 in research funds, Schuster has been the driving force behind the growth of the aquatic biology program at Eastern. Contributions raised by Schuster have helped support student research efforts and provide stipends for students.

Schuster and his students focus most of their research on the water quality of Kentucky's creeks and streams.

"A lot of my teaching goes on outdoors," said Schuster. "It's important for students to learn in the classroom and laboratory, but it's extremely important for them to be able to apply that in the field."

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UK scientist gets grant for new space telescope

HERALD-LEADER STAFF REPORT

A University of Kentucky educator on the cutting edge of science recently received funding from the National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Award.

John Main, who has received funding to develop technology for space exploration, will use the \$163,000 grant to continue the development of smaller space telescopes, created by unfolding huge mirrors in space. Main thinks this will enable scientists to get better results than they can with the Hubble Space Telescope.

Telescopes currently used and carried out to space by shuttles are limited to the size of the cargo bay. The primary mirror of the Hubble is 2.4 kilometers in diameter, but Main plans to develop smaller mirrors measuring only 1 kilometer in diameter.

The key to Main's smaller telescope mirrors is the development of a material that can be folded while en route to space. Then it would be shaped to exact specifications by shooting elec-

trons at the material, yielding smaller telescopes with fine-tuned mirrors for maximum effectiveness.

"The more lights you can see in the universe, the further back we can see in time," Main said. "Maybe we can even see to the Big Bang."

Main, a UK faculty member for three years, received the funding for his research from NASA and the U.S. Department of Energy.

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MURRAY

Most faculty in survey favor a new president

A majority of Murray State University faculty members surveyed think that school President Kern Alexander should lose his job.

The evaluation, which drew responses from 322 full-time faculty members, showed that about 65 percent disagreed or strongly disagreed that Alexander should be retained as president. Less than 5 percent strongly agreed he should be retained.

Alexander did not respond to a request seeking comment.

The president did receive high marks in one area. Almost 45 percent of the faculty agreed that Alexander has helped increase enrollment.

Tension between Alexander and the faculty intensified in the spring when he decided to make faculty evaluations available on the Internet.

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BOWLING GREEN

Gift will let WKU finish sports facility

Western Kentucky University will complete its intramural sports facility with a \$1 million gift from Raymond B. and Hattie L. Preston of Henderson, Ky., WKU President Gary Ransdell announced yesterday. The couple's gift in 1990 helped open the university's Raymond B. Preston Health & Activities Center.

Raymond Preston is a 1940 WKU graduate and met his wife on the campus some 60 years ago. "Because of that, we have always had a very soft spot in our hearts for Western," Raymond Preston said. "Western's biggest appeal to us is the family atmosphere that prevails."

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MIT seeks software

MSU flattered to share telescope tracking code

By Frank E. Lockwood

NORTHEASTERN KENTUCKY BUREAU

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They worked on the project for more than three years, so they're proud that their work has been recognized.

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Morehead

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If it secures funding, MIT plans to convert satellite television dishes into small radio telescopes and install them at 100 high schools and universities around the country in the next two years. Derome is drafting a computer program for those telescopes and says he'd like to include part of MSU's code for "mapping the sky."

Michael Combs, 26, an MSU graduate who worked on the project for years, doesn't mind sharing his work with MIT.

"I think it's fantastic that a university of that stature is actually calling and asking us for code," he said.

Isaac Hopper, 22, a computer information systems major, also helped with the program. He said he's "pretty excited" that MIT has recognized their hard work.

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MIT using Morehead's telescope software

Associated Press

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MSU wall should not come down

No matter what the situation, there will always be someone who is not pleased, gets offended or has their feelings hurt.

It happens every day. Our readers let us know when they think we could have phrased something differently or not used certain editorial content at all.

You can't please everybody. And not making some people happy has happened recently, this time in higher education.

I don't mean the introduction of merit pay or giving a university official's relative or crony a job they're not qualified for, that you sometimes hear about.

One situation that has turned up at Morehead State University recently is much more, uh, concrete.

It seems that some people on campus are unhappy with a \$100,000 concrete structure stuck in the middle of campus.

This "visual pathway" links MSU's library and bell tower. This pathway mars one of the prettiest spots on campus, some believe.

Bell Tower Plaza has terraces, a seating area and ramps for the handicapped that were designed to complement the bell tower.

The plaza has walls that reach 10 feet high in places and block the view of the Camden-Carroll Library, a Gothic style building that's on the National Register of Historic Places.

The bell tower that also adorns campus was built with the help of more than \$100,000 donated by Rowan County native and philanthropist Lucille Caudill Little.

It was built as a tribute to Little's late husband William Paul and was presented to MSU on April 4, 1997. Inscribed in the tower are those words the Little's cherish: wisdom, justice, service and love.

The tribute is endearing, but I think MSU students would appreciate Little's financial successes much more if the money had been used for additional scholarships.

Little did, though, give more than \$1 million to MSU, proving her commitment to

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education, and the school named its humanities division the Caudill College of Humanities.

I'm sure that some find the tower beautiful, but I've heard more derogatory than positive comments about it — particularly the chimes that sound every hour.

Although probably done with the best of intentions, the bell tower's plaza turned out to be concrete overkill, with walls that are too tall and unattractive.

The maze of walk ways leading away from the tower did offer a great opportunity

for the university to sell bricks engraved with the name of a favorite alumnus.

University officials asked an architectural firm to come up with a design that would improve the appearance of the new plaza.

The result: an estimated \$16,000 to remove the top of the wall, and about \$50,000 to make other improvements.

Now MSU will leave the wall up and put approximately \$1,000 worth of shrubbery in front of it — the most sensible approach. They've spent too much money already.

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Local poet joins science and art

By CHRIS TURNER
Staff Writer

There are many things about Rowan County writer Rebecca Bailey that doesn't fit the stereotypical image of a poet.

For one, she didn't grow up in a bad environment.

"I grew up peaceful, everything was okay," said Bailey, 40. She grew up in Wolfe County and her mom still lives in Lee City.

"My parents never had a lot of money, but they knew how to manage."

Her education also wasn't what would be considered typical for a poet.

She said that although she liked writing fiction and poetry when she was in middle school, she turned to the hard sciences while in high school.

She then pursued an undergraduate degree in environmental science at Morehead State University.

Now she sees her untypical training for a poet as a benefit.

"I liked looking at how plants, rocks and things work together. I use that all the time in my writing," she said.

This love of science and nature is apparent in her collection of poems and essays *A Wild Kentucky Garden*, published in 1998.

Many of the poems reflect her immense knowledge of plants and gardens woven into a tapestry of traditional Appalachian themes and traditions — family, a love of the land, quilting and canning.

Her poetry, like her life, can often be complex and draws on many different sources.

Bailey herself has worn many different hats in her life — librarian, geologist, mapping technician, English teacher. She got her M.A. in English at MSU in 1986.

She recently started teaching English as a second language to international students at MSU.

Like most jobs Bailey has had, she draws upon her current one to use in her poetry.

"I steal ideas from these ads all the time," she said with a laugh. "They make all kinds of interesting grammatical mistakes."

She related how she took a class to Eagle Lake recently and had them write about the experience.

"One student wrote that the wind is blowing hard today, sunny hard. I just

knew I had to use 'sunny hard' in a poem."

"They give me a lot of interesting ideas on how words can be put together."

Bailey is hard at work putting these ideas into a new collection of poetry she is working on tentatively titled *Dreaming in Color*.

She said that the new collection will be somewhat of a departure from her earlier work.

"I didn't want to keep writing the same thing over and over again."

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Her new collection will draw heavily upon contemporary poets Sherman Alexie and Ted Hughes, who Bailey has been reading lately.

"Reading them together was like having a third eye," she said.

With the awards and accolades starting to roll in, this new vision has paid off.

Bailey is the recipient of the 1999 Poetry Award from *Literal Latte*, the 1999 Short Fiction Award from *M Magazine* and the Chaffin Award from the Kentucky Poetry Society.

She is also the President-Elect of the Kentucky State Poetry Society and Executive Vice-President of the Kentucky Writers Coalition.

She was recently awarded a two-month residency for fall 2000 at the Montana Artists Refuge in Baisn, Mont.

Bailey also edited the anthology *The Kinks: Reflections on Thirty Years of Music*, and co-authored (with Mary Stewart and Carolyn Jo Lacy) *Three Women Alone in the Woods*.

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Martha Norris

NEWPORT - Martha Harrison Norris, 83, of Highland Heights, formerly of Morehead, died Sunday, Dec. 5 at the St. Luke Hospital East in Ft. Thomas.

She was a member of the Painted Hills Garden Club in Morehead, a member of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association, a graduate of Morehead State University with a masters degree, a graduate of the Hanging Rock High School and she also attended the Episcopal Church at Morehead.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sterling G. Norris, in 1973.

Surviving are three daughters,

Nancy Cole of Cold Springs, Kathy Daniel of Ft. Thomas and Sarah Robinette of Scottsdale, Ariz., one son, Sterling F. Norris of Ashland, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home at Newport, burial and graveside services at the Bellfonte Memorial Gardens in Russell on Friday, Dec. 10.

Morehead dismisses 2 players

By ROCKY STANLEY
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

MOREHEAD — Reserve players Quentin Smith and Mouhamadou Wilane have been dismissed from the Morehead State University basketball team.

MSU coach Kyle Macy said in a statement Friday that the players were dismissed for violating team rules and policies.

"In rebuilding this program, I have always stressed the importance of discipline, consistency and a willingness to join the team — the same qualities that will carry over and lead to success in the real world," Macy said.

Smith, a junior forward who transferred to MSU from Cincinnati State, averaged 5.2 points and 1.8 rebounds while playing 12.4 minutes per game.

Wilane, a 6-10 junior from Senegal, had two points and one rebound in four games. He is friends with fellow countrymen Jules Camara of Kentucky and Mamadou N'diaye of Auburn.

"Obviously, this will leave our team shorthanded, but in the long run it is best for all parties involved," Macy said. "We wish both players well and hope this action will have a positive effect and help those men grow and mature because of it."

Morehead is 3-3 heading into today's afternoon home game against Asbury College.

The Eagles are coming off a 74-72 home win over Wright State on Tuesday. Ashland's

Kyle Umberger led the way, connecting on all six of his field goal attempts and scoring 17 points.

In the latest Ohio Valley Conference statistics, Umberger ranks seventh in field goal percentage and 20th in scoring.

MSU's Scott Charity is second in field goal percentage, fifth in free throw percentage, sixth in scoring, seventh in offensive rebounds and ninth in rebounding. On a team that ranks in the top five of the OVC in several statistical categories, first in free throw percentage, second in field goal percentage, assists and steals third in turnover percentage and fourth in 3-point percentage.

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BOWLING

Ex-Eagle Kulick earns international gold

By Doug Bradley
HERALD-LEADER BOWLING WRITER

Former Morehead State star Kelly Kulick recently earned three medals in international competition representing the United States. She won a gold and two bronze medals in Federation Internationale des Quilleurs World Championships in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Kulick won her gold medal in the women's singles competition. She teamed with Tennelle Grijalva of Orange, Calif., and Diandra Hyman of Dyer, Ind., for a third-place finish in the women's trio event.

Kulick also earned a bronze as a member of the women's team competition with the United States finishing behind Korea and

Colombia. The bronze medal in the women's five-person team competition was the first for the U.S. women since 1967.

Kulick qualified for Team USA by winning the national amateur championships in August of 1998. This is the second year Kulick has made the squad, which represents the United States in international competition.

Kulick finished her career with Morehead this spring when the top-ranked Lady Eagles lost in the qualifying round of the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships. During her four years, the Lady Eagles were ranked in the Top 10 in every collegiate bowling poll.

The Lady Eagles were ranked

No. 1 all season when they captured the school's second national championship in 1998 with Kulick leading the way. They were ranked No. 1 all of the 1998-99 season as defending champions before falling in the tournament final.

Kulick was a four-year All-American, and she was the Bowling Writers Association of America Player of the Year in 1997 and 1998. She was named the Most Valuable Player of the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships in 1998 and 1999.

After her stint with Team USA, the New Jersey native may try her hand at the PWBA tour, following in the footsteps of former Morehead stars Elizabeth

Johnson, Kari Murphy and Sharon Todd.

The Morehead State women's team is expected to contend again for the national championship. The first poll of the season is due out next week and the Lady Eagles are expected to be one of the top five teams.

The squad may get a lucky break this season. The method of qualifying for the IBC championships has been changed. Teams will advance from regional competitions. There is a good chance the finals of this region will be held at Collins Bowling Centers Eastland in March. All of the details are not final but officials hope to make an announcement shortly after the first of the year.

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2+2 programs

for students' degrees

"Students who plan to continue on for a bachelor's degree in business administration can take advantage of our 2+2 agreements with Marshall University and Morehead State University," Barnett said. "Each program provides seamless transfer for ACC business technology graduates who want to earn a BBA at that particular university."

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Harvard sues man offering Web domains with school name

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Harvard University is suing a Boston man it claims bought up Web site addresses containing Harvard or Radcliffe in the name and planned to auction them off to the highest bidder.

The suit filed in federal court says Michael Rhys and his company, Web-Pro, registered some 65 addresses for \$70 apiece, and offered them to Har-

vard for a sum of \$325,000 before trying to sell them on an online auction.

"The university is sending a message," said Harvard deputy counsel Robert Donin of the suit. "We intend to take vigorous action against cybersquatters, and defend the Harvard trademark."

In an e-mail sent to Harvard and attached to the civil suit, Rhys said he would "soon be offering many Harvard-related domains for sale to the

general public. I would like to offer the first right of refusal to Harvard itself."

A spokeswoman for the Herndon, Va.-based Network Solutions, which registers domain names, said there was no way the company could check trademarks or stop squatters from buying up names for resale.

Harvard said its trademark name has been in existence since 1827, and that it has used the Radcliffe name in

Setting the tone

Governor Patton has a vision for state

Those who were expecting Gov. Paul Patton to outline an agenda for the next four years no doubt were disappointed by his second inaugural address. The 14-minute address was short on specifics.

Instead, the governor's talk was more like a sermon, warning against repeating the mistakes of the past, pledging to maintain the major initiatives launched during his first term, and promising not to rest on those accomplishments.

Clearly, this governor was sending a message that he plans to continue to take a proactive approach toward initiating the changes Kentucky needs to be more competitive in the next century.

"We're proud of what we've done, but this is not a day to revel in the accomplishments of the past," Patton said. "It is rather a day to set new goals; a day to look for new horizons; a day to renew our commitment to make Kentucky the very best that it can be."

Such verbal platitudes are of little value unless backed by actions, but they set the perfect tone for the first governor in 200 years to be elected to a second consecutive term.

Patton was less than complimentary of the middle years of the state's history: "Let us not brush over the raw truth that the middle 100 years of our common journey as a people

was an abysmal failure — resources squandered, talents wasted, opportunity lost. A failure of leadership."

Never again, the governor promised. No more missed opportunities.

"Let us not squander the opportunity that is at hand. Let that not be the legacy of this administration, of this group of leaders, of this generation of Kentuckians."

So what does Patton hope to do? Well, he spoke only in generalities:

"During these next four years we will address the educational needs of all our people, from our youngest children to our adult workforce. We'll invest in more infrastructure. We'll seek solutions in health care. We'll protect the environment. We'll punish criminals. We'll improve our economy. We'll make our tax system more fair, and we'll address a hundred other important topics."

Those are important issues, particularly continuing to improve education and reforming the state's unfair tax system.

Paul Patton is a doer. One can be confident that the governor who has not shied away from tackling controversial issues during his first term will continue to offer progressive leadership in his second term. That's good news for Kentucky and its people.

interstate commerce since 1879.

A federal law enacted last month allows trademark owners to recover statutory damages of up to \$100,000 after proving their trademark name was registered by someone wanting to sell it back to them.

School attorney Jerome Gilson said Harvard isn't seeking any damages.

"We just want him to stop doing what he's doing," Gilson said.

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Low-key chairman brings inclusive style to UK trustees

Billy Joe Miles pledges a seat at the table for all prepares to search for a new president

By Holly J. Miles

OWENSBORO — Billy Joe Miles doesn't like to say he is the chairman of the University of Kentucky's Board of Trustees. When asked about it, he is likely to mention any of his colleagues as he is named.

There are no secrets on this board.

The board's first three months of Miles' tenure as chairman of the governing board of the state's flagship university. And it's not surprising for a man who has earned a reputation for shunning or deflecting the spotlight.

For Miles, a millionaire businessman and farmer from Owens-

boro, leadership is about engaging everyone and downplaying the role of any one person.

That management style will be tested as the UK board soon begins to tackle what could be its most important job under Miles' watch — finding a successor to UK President

Charles Wethington.

In his first actions since taking over in September, Miles, 60, has shifted leadership roles on the board's committees, offering positions to trustees who previously had never been asked. He also asked trustees to pick an academic area for which they would serve as the board's liaison, and encouraged them to become involved in campus activities.

Some trustees say that's a notable change from the way the board has done business in the past.

Education: Bachelor of science in agriculture, Western Kentucky University, 1962.
Occupations: Businessman and farmer.
Business associations: President, Miles Farm Supply Inc.; vice president, Miles LP Gas Inc.; Owner, Miles Farms Inc.; Owner, Miles Enterprises; Owner, ExSeed Genetics LLC; Founder and past owner, TNT Motorsports.
Civic organizations: Chairman, University of Kentucky Board of Trustees; director, Governor's Task Force on Agriculture, Governor's Task Force on Efficiency, National Fertilizer Association Executive Committee; past president, Kentucky Fertilizer and Agricultural Chemical Association; Kentucky Soil Conservation Districts, Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission; Kentucky Soybean Association; Daviess County Farm Bureau; past director, U.S. Canola Association; Vanderbilt University Hospital and Owensboro Community College.

"I wouldn't say there was an attempt to have an uninformed board, but certainly an activist approach wasn't encouraged," said faculty trustee Dan Reedy, a Spanish professor who serves as the board's secretary.

"I think I have seen more trustees at university functions in the past few months than I have seen in all my years at (UK)."

Soon, the board's attention will turn to the much meatier matters of selecting a new president to lead the 28,000-student campus and overseeing the completion of a \$400 million fundraising campaign.

By late January or early February, Miles is expected to appoint a search committee to screen and interview potential successors to Wethington, who will step down as president in June 2001.

Miles says his approach to that process will be the same as his approach to leading the board.

"I want this search to be open, with everyone who has an interest in this university to have a say," Miles said during a recent interview. "I want everyone to have a seat at the table."

A quiet observer

Being at the head of that table is a new role for Miles, who had never held a leadership position on the board since his 1995 appointment by Gov. Brereton Jones. Miles said he was never asked.

During those four years, Miles was a quiet observer of the board's actions, occasionally asking thoughtful questions about the university's operations. His rise to the helm of UK's board came only after a summer of controversy over a two-year contract extension offered to Wethington.

That extension eventually was revoked, but the episode paved the way for Miles to succeed former Gov. Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt by defeating a candidate Breathitt favored.

Miles said he expects his own tenure as board chairman to be short; he plans to ask the board to change its bylaws to limit his and future board chairmanships and committee chairmanships to two years. Breathitt had held the post for nearly seven years, and most committee chairs had held their spots for at least three years.

Also during his time on the board, Miles became known for his self-effacing personality. But he's no stranger to guiding an enterprise as large as UK.

In the past 20 years, he helped turn a family farm business into one of Western Kentucky's largest agriculture firms.

Miles Farm Supply Inc., of which Miles is president, had 1997 sales of more than \$160 million, according to the privately held company's records.

Miles, a 1962 Western Kentucky University agriculture graduate, also is president and the majority owner of an Owensboro-based fuel company and vice president of Miles LP Gas Inc. And he owns Miles Farms Inc., which grows soybeans on 14,000 acres in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

Earlier in his career, Miles also was part of a business venture that helped introduce monster truck shows and tractor pulls to a wider audience.

Along with four other Owensboro men, Miles began staging tractor pulls at the Daviess County fairgrounds in the 1960s.

In 1978, he formed TNT Motorsports, a stage shows nationwide and produce television shows now seen on the cable networks ESPN and The Nashville Network. In 1990, the group sold TNT to Madison Square Garden Enterprises, a subsidiary of Paramount Pictures, for an undisclosed amount.

Miles also has held numerous positions in the state's agricultural organizations. One of those positions — Gov. Brereton Jones' 1994 Hemp and Related Fibers Task Force — generated rare public criticism of Miles, the group's chairman.

After meeting only twice, the task force presented a report to Jones stating that until the legal barriers were removed, there was no future for hemp in Kentucky. Hemp is a cousin of marijuana, but doesn't have the high amounts of the chemical that produces the high associated with marijuana. Both varieties are illegal to grow in Kentucky and most of the rest of the United States.

While most of the task force supported the report, some members said Miles and others rushed the report through the process without really researching the pros and cons of hemp.

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Miles said then that the critics were misguided and that there was a "hidden agenda" behind the hemp movement.

While few involved will comment publicly about the task force now, the episode left some convinced that Miles acted in a heavy-handed, dictatorial fashion.

Meanwhile, that reluctance to talk about Miles publicly extends to those who know him well. Several of his business partners

in Owensboro declined to comment about him for this story. So did some UK trustees.

Focal point for prosperity

In discussing his vision for UK, Miles draws analogies from one of his newer companies.

ExSeed Genetics, a high-tech plant genetics firm based in Owensboro, is the type of industry in which UK's researchers should actively participate, Miles says. His management company, Miles Enterprises, owns controlling interest in ExSeed.

ExSeed's research arm is located at the research park at Iowa State University, which is a national leader in agricultural technology. Last December, the company announced it would build a \$4-million facility at the park that would allow its work force to expand to 100.

Miles said Iowa State was the first choice for the company, citing its leading role in agriculture bio-engineering. He said UK could and should be in the same position.

"UK should be actively working to attract those types of businesses, and not just to Lexington, but all over Kentucky," Miles said.

"I see UK as the real focal point for bringing real prosperity to Kentucky."

For that to happen, Miles said, the university's new president must be visionary.

"He will have to motivate people and be willing to listen," Miles said, "not just to the deans, but the janitors, too."

"The new president will have to believe that UK and Kentucky can become the intellectual capital of the world."

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UK needs full funding for research buildings

By Charles T. Wethington Jr.

Gov. Paul Patton and the General Assembly had a challenging and innovative idea in 1997: The University of Kentucky must be among the best of its class in the nation. The legislature mandated that UK become a top-20 public institution by 2020 and kicked off the effort with the Research Challenge Trust Fund.

This put UK in a new league. Our peers are now academic and research heavyweights such as Michigan, Washington, UCLA and North Carolina. To reach top-20 status, UK needs a critical new level of support.

UK is not passively waiting to be elevated to this elite status. Even before the top-20 mandate, UK recognized the need to move beyond what we already had achieved. We actively pursued this new level of excellence with a strategic plan that calls for improvements in equipment, space and services. We raised \$58 million to build the state-of-the-art William T. Miller Young Library. We've achieved 40 national academic program rankings, including 12 top-20 spots. By partnering with private entities, we built two new cancer facilities, developed a magnetic resonance imaging facility and funded the majority of the recent Kentucky Clinic development.

With the top-20 challenge, UK recognized there was much to do to catch up to our new benchmark group. Improvement in our research is critical. With the support of the Research Challenge Trust Fund, matched by private dollars raised by UK, we've tripled the number of available endowed faculty chair positions in just one year and have more than doubled the number of endowed professorships. The trust fund has matched the private funding to help us bring the nation's brightest academic minds to UK to join its excellent faculty. With UK's trust fund money earmarked for people, not buildings, many of our researchers are barely making do with crowded or inadequate labs. We simply do not have laboratory space for the new scientists and researchers we are recruiting. With the university also determined to improve teaching and student services to benchmark levels, our 2000-2002 building capital is committed to a new student recreation facility, a new engineering building and a new student career and job placement center, among others. Our aging campus also demands \$29 million in utility infrastructure support in the coming biennium, which we are proposing to support from existing resources since we have been unable to secure state support for this basic need.

If we are to have excellent facilities

At Issue

Dec. 1 commentary by Gordon K. Davies, "Research an investment by universities, the state"

for our new researchers in the next few years — including a crucially important biomedical sciences research building — more support must come from the state. Council on Postsecondary Education president Gordon Davies' recent suggestion of using research revenue for construction debt service is not the best way to enhance UK's research program.

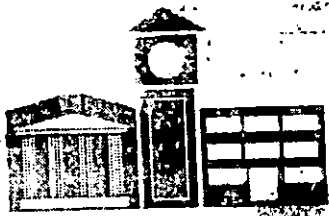
Research at UK is funded in large measure by endowment income, grants and research revenue. To re-allocate resources from research program support for the sake of new facilities would be regressive, not progressive. What Davies refers to as revenue is used to pay needed faculty research expenses such as maintaining existing research equipment, start-up costs for new programs and expenditures for existing research programs. If we lose researchers and projects because of lack of research support, our buildings will be nothing more than empty shells.

UK's research is not only key to the university's top-20 aspirations but also is vital to the economy and health of our state. In 1999, more than 2,500 UK research projects contributed \$271.1 million to the state's economy and created 4,764 new jobs. Researchers found better ways to deliver lifesaving drugs, developed three equine vaccines and invented an implant for treating eye diseases. Our research is helping fight lung disease and is advancing the nation's understanding of Alzheimer's disease.

To achieve the top-20 goal of the General Assembly and UK, the two bodies must work together not just to catch up but also to compete with our new benchmarks. This effort will require strong support and leadership from the governor, the legislature and the Council on Postsecondary Education. To realize the goal, we must sustain our progress and move forward with the same type of innovation that brought us the Research Challenge Trust Fund. We must push forward vigilantly and relentlessly in our research — for current and future generations of students and for the future of Kentucky and the nation.

We will continue to ask the governor and General Assembly to fully fund a research facility that has become a symbol of UK's drive to become a top-20 public research university.

Charles T. Wethington Jr. is president of the University of Kentucky.



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One final thing ...

... Now is when you learn the meaning of study

The days before the holidays always bring certain things to mind: "Chestnuts roasting over an open fire; Jack Frost nipping at your nose." You get the picture.

But for the state's thousands of college students, the season also brings to mind some other things: term papers, final exams, all-nighters in the library and enough caffeine to choke a cow.

We here at OnCampus want to make sure that you survive finals week, so we're offering some tips to help you get through the week and live to tell about it.

Remember, if you're a freshman, you have survived what many say is the hardest semester of college. If you're a senior, you are only a semester away from that degree.

Good luck!

'I don't start studying the night before a test'

Many students may dread finals week, but not Leslie Engle. She says she has the key to acing finals.

"I don't start studying the night before a test," Engle said.

Engle, a junior majoring in electronic media, advertising and public relations at Morehead State University, gets test dates in advance so she can be well-prepared.

"I separate the material into sections, then I study for an hour and a half every night before the tests," Engle said.

Melissa Thompson, a senior biology major, agreed.

"The whole key to it is keeping up," Thompson said.

Keeping a to-do list helps her when it's time to study, she said, and at test time, she uses a few tricks to help her out.

"I use mnemonic devices or acronyms to memorize lists," she said. "I try to associate the material with real life and relate it to outside stuff."

Alvin Madden-Grider, a learning specialist at Morehead State, said students should have started studying for finals long before now.

"I'll say cramming works, but it doesn't work well," Madden-Grider said.

His advice for students: they shouldn't overload their short-term memory with excess material because they're likely to draw a blank while taking a test.

Madden-Grider also recommends that students study in the library

where it's quiet instead of their dorm rooms.

Staying healthy and treating yourself well is important as well, Madden-Grider said.

"Get a good night's sleep, get up and get something light to eat like fruit or cereal," he said.

He also suggests studying and reviewing until a half hour before a test.

— EMILY B. MOSES, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Transy students find ways to manage stress

Stress.

This is one word college students know well. Pushing deadlines, balancing priorities and facing changing life roles are all factors that contribute to the high levels of stress in a university student's life.

This high stress may not cause many health problems now. However, long-term health effects include heart disease, substance abuse, obesity and gastrointestinal problems.

It is important to adopt healthy ways of dealing with stress at a young age.

With final exam week soon approaching, students at Transylvania University are finding creative ways to manage end-of-the-semester stress.

Some students prefer time to themselves. "Usually, I like to take a drive somewhere and get away from campus," said Regan Hunt, a senior from Pikeville. "If the tub is clean, I like to take a bubble bath."

"I like to be alone and channel my thoughts when stressed," said Jenny Osborne, a junior from Sheperdsville.

Jolt of caffeine may not be best thing for ultimate test

When finals roll around, some students gorge themselves on anything caffeinated to make sure their all-nighters last all night.

But while some students swear by sleepless nights and loads of caffeine, the combination might not be the ultimate study habit.

"A well-rested person is more likely to think better than someone who's been up all night on caffeine," said Sara Sutton, the director of ECU's undergraduate dietetics program.

Sutton said students need a good night's rest before a final to make sure they are alert to take the exam the next morning. Students should also avoid pigging out on junk food for a quick sugar rush.

Instead, they should eat healthy, balanced meals.

— JACINTA FELDMAN, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"After a big final or test, I'll reward myself by buying myself something or hanging out with friends."

Others prefer exercise. Tim Weatherholt, a junior from Cloverport, said, "I run or lift weights to relieve stress. Afterwards, I am more focused on my studies."

Many students choose the tried and true route of eating.

"My friends and I lose a lot of money during finals because we order cheese sticks and Chinese like crazy," said sophomore Brandy West from Hebron.

— TASHA TAYLOR, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

WKU gets \$1 million for sports facility work

Western Kentucky University has received a \$1 million gift from Raymond and Hattie Preston, the main contributors to the Raymond B. Preston Center, that will go toward adding to the sports facility.

"We have been involved with the Preston Center since the very beginning," Raymond Preston said. "It is a natural adjunct to the Raymond B. Preston Center. It completes the picture: an indoor and outdoor facility."

Raymond Preston graduated in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and went on to found PB&S Chemical Co.

Preston served as a regent for five years. He has also served on various advisory boards at Western.

The money will go toward lighting, scoreboards, irrigation, field levelers, completing fencing on the softball field and other improvements, Preston said.

— ABBEY BROWN,
COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

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EKU Student Association targets minority issues

The EKU Student Association has taken steps to help minorities play a more active role within the university by forming an ad-hoc committee to study minority issues.

The Committee on Minority Affairs would be composed mostly of concerned members of the student body with fewer student senators than other committees. It would have a presence at all Student Association meetings and be able to present proposals, but wouldn't have a vote beyond the senators within its membership.

RHA policy chairman Demetriace Moore said that his friend Sen. Jose Monsegue is the association's only minority member, and that the office of multicultural affairs was so understaffed that students had difficulty organizing official functions and events for minority groups.

— DANIEL BRUCE, EASTERN PROGRESS

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No more taxpayer money for basketball museum

The University of Kentucky Basketball Museum has begun preliminary talks with the UK Athletics Association and the Urban County Government for help in paying off its \$2.2 million debt.

The association can do what it wants. But Lexington officials should not put any more taxpayer money into the museum.

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Madison County

EKU holds winter graduation: The founder and longtime leader of the Christian Appalachian Project told graduating students at Eastern Kentucky University on Saturday that they should strive to go beyond the ordinary. Monsignor Ralph W. Beiting, who retired earlier this year as the Christian Appalachian Project's board chairman, addressed 1,004 graduating students, their families and friends at the fall commencement in Alumni Coliseum. The graduates include 784 bachelor's degree candidates, 101 associate degree candidates and 119 master's degree candidates. "You must never allow yourselves to be just ordinary," said Beiting, who received an honorary doctor of humanities degree. Beiting founded the Christian Appalachian Project in 1964 as an interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization that provides physical, spiritual and emotional support in Appalachia.

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Calloway County

Murray increases dorm fees: Murray State University regents approved an increase in fees to live in dormitories to help pay for sprinklers and other safety-related improvements on campus. The regents on Friday approved an 11 percent increase, which starts next summer. The same fees were raised by 12 percent in February for the current school year. The latest increase means two students sharing a room will each pay an extra \$95 a semester next fall. A year ago those students each paid \$780 a semester. Now they pay \$875. Next fall they will pay \$970 a semester. The board of regents has approved \$6.37 million in revenue bonds to cover the cost for the fire-related renovations, maintenance and other related expenses such as interest on the bonds. The housing increase comes in the aftermath of a Sept. 18, 1998, fire in Hester Hall in which Michael Minger, 19, of Niceville, Fla., died and Michael Priddy, 22, suffered severe smoke inhalation and third-degree burns.

The city has already invested \$1 million into the \$5.3 million facility that has underperformed since its February opening. Poor timing, a bad site and inadequate promotion have been cited as reasons. None of that is the taxpayers' responsibility.

The museum, full of interactive displays, could become a wonderful resource to this community if handled effectively. There are plenty of UK boosters and basketball enthusiasts whom museum officials could tap.

Mike Durham, museum executive director, is on the right track when he suggests that the city could help promote the facility and use it more for special events. That would be a wise way to capitalize on a taxpayer investment that is already substantial.

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Northern Kentucky panel to examine accessibility

The recently appointed Subcommittee on Campus Accessibility will begin to discuss and point out accessibility issues at Northern Kentucky University.

In an added effort to help increase accessibility on campus, the position of coordinator of disability services, which is currently held by Dale Adams, was upgraded from part-time to full-time this year.

Sara Sidebottom, legal counsel for NKU, said the university complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, the Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation has separate guidelines, which are more strict.

NKU is not compliant with all of these guidelines, the Northern Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation said.

Sam Blume, an NKU student who is a wheelchair user, said there are several accessibility issues on campus. Blume took a representative of The Northerner on a tour to point out some of the obstacles wheelchair users face on a daily basis.

One such obstacle is potholes and imperfections in the concrete. During the tour, Blume got stuck in a large pothole between the Natural Science Building and the NKU Corbett Theatre.

Jeff Wilson, a former NKU student who returns to campus every semester to lecture about spinal cord injuries, said NKU is a lot more accessible now than when he started. One factor in that was administrators taking a tour across campus in wheelchairs in 1994.

"I think it opened their eyes. There were some cracks some of them couldn't get their wheelchair across," Wilson said.

— RICK AMBURGEY, THE NORTHERNER

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FRANKFORT

KSU chief says group reaffirms accreditation

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has given Kentucky State University notice that it plans to reaffirm the school's accreditation. KSU President George W. Reid said.

The word came Tuesday at the SACS Delegate Assembly Business meeting, Reid said in a statement.

Community, tech colleges scale back merger plans

By Holly E. Stepp

HERALD-LEADER EDUCATION WRITER

PADUCAH — For Len O'Hara and Paul McInturff, it was just the right thing to do.

O'Hara, the president of Paducah Community College, and McInturff, the director of West Kentucky Technical College, looked at it like this: Here were two two-year colleges with similar missions in the same city, barely a mile apart.

So in May, O'Hara and McInturff announced plans to merge the two. Both touted the merger as a way to better serve the area's students, and pledged that by January, a new millennium would dawn on a combined college in Paducah.

Six months later, however, talk of true merger is all but dead. It's been replaced by a new buzzword, consolidation — consolidation of the schools' business offices, admission processes and similar academic programs. But there will be no actual merger of the two.

"It's not that we don't believe that merger is the right thing to do," said O'Hara. "It's just that

things are going to move a little slower now."

That's important, because colleges in other Kentucky communities — Hazard, Jefferson County, Madisonville and Owensboro — also have begun to work on consolidation plans.

Those plans aren't nearly as aggressive as the ones originally envisioned by the Paducah colleges. But officials of the state's two-year college system say the plans represent a move toward making the system run more efficiently and seamlessly.

"We see this as a step toward a more regional and comprehensive effort to meet the education and worker-training needs in the state," said Mike McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

KCTCS governs all but one of the state's 14 community colleges, and all 15 technical colleges.

"It encourages the colleges to work together to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts," McCall said.

Many details to resolve

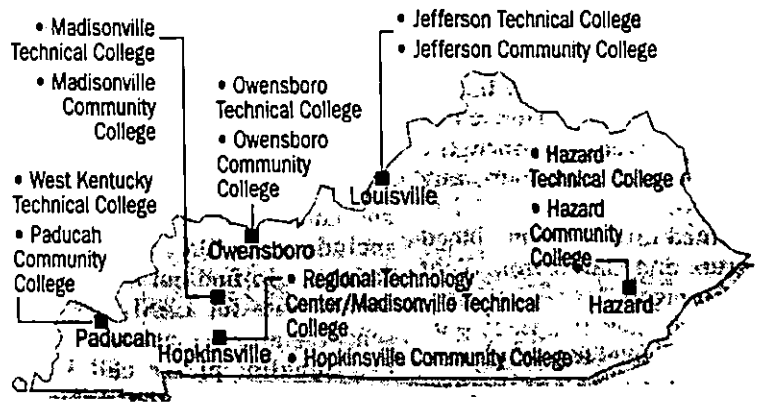
The KCTCS Board of Regents encouraged the colleges in April to find ways to consolidate similar functions. The Paducah schools were the first to embrace the idea and take it a step fur-

ther by offering a merger.

But it was unlikely that the two schools could have really merged anyway.

Consolidation plans at Kentucky community and technical colleges

Colleges in six cities around the state are working to consolidate some of their business functions, academic programs and student services. Officials with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System say that combined services would eliminate duplication among the colleges and make them more efficient.



Source: Kentucky Community and Technical College System

CHRIS WARE/STAFF

The 1997 higher-education reform law that created KCTCS stipulated that there must be two distinct branches of the system, a technical portion and a community-college unit.

Until the law is changed, it's unlikely that such a merger would be legal. For now, McCall says he is not interested in changing the law, but said that in a couple of years KCTCS will have to look at the idea of true merger.

"We need to see how these consolidation efforts will go" first, he said.

That's OK with many at the Paducah schools.

"I think many people were worried how some of the nuts and bolts would be worked out," said O'Hara.

Most of the questions centered around the esoteric details of academia — who could be called a professor, for example, or who would work when. Then there were more philosophical concerns: Would hands-on technical training classes have to be run like traditional college lectures?

"I think while we were confident that the system's central office would

work those things out," said McInturff, "our people wanted greater answers up-front."

Those answers are in the works. McCall and his staff have assembled task forces to begin to deal with those issues on a systemwide basis.

"It makes sense that we would resolve those issues, rather than leaving the colleges to figure it out on their own," McCall said.

"This allows us to make sure that we hear from everyone."

For now, consolidation has allowed the community and technical colleges to

work more closely together, and in some cases to formalize what they have already done.

In Jefferson County, the community and technical colleges have been working together for nearly a decade. Since 1989, Jefferson Technical College has housed Jefferson Community College's automotive-repair program, and the colleges have combined their respiratory-care programs.

"This allows us to formalize and strengthen the kind of work we have already done," said Marvin Copes, director of Jefferson Technical College.

In Hazard, the technical and community colleges are working together in ways they haven't

before. The schools have combined their admission applications as well as their economic-development efforts.

"I wouldn't say that we didn't work together before, but it wasn't exactly encouraged," said Ed Hughes, president of Hazard Community College and acting chief executive office of Hazard Technical College.

"Now we are really working to get toward seamless operations."

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Family establishes endowment at ACC to remember doctor

By PAUL GOTTERATH
FOR THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

ASHLAND — Diane Gussler Lobach began playing school when she was a young child.

"She always wanted to be the teacher," her mother, Dixie, recalled.

When Diane actually started school, she proved an excellent student.

And she continued to excel, in grade and high schools, Randolph Macon College and the University of Kentucky, where she completed medical school on her way to becoming an ophthalmologist.

Gussler Lobach returned to the Ashland area to practice

and to raise her family. When she died in March 1997 of cancer, her parents began to search for an appropriate memorial to her. They recently settled on a fund to benefit Ashland Community College.

The Diane Gussler Lobach Greatest Needs Endowment Fund will help ACC address several areas, including student financial assistance, teaching/learning excellence, faculty/staff professional development and community development. The fund was started with a contribution of more than \$100,000 in securities from Mrs. Gussler and her husband, Gordon, a retired ophthalmologist.

Mrs. Gussler said her daughter would have been pleased with the endowment.

"She always valued education," she said. "She felt fortunate to be able to go all the way through school without financial worry, but she real-

ized not everybody could do that.

"She thought education was the answer to most problems and this (endowment) will help people to go to school."

ACC President Dr. Angeline Dvorak said the Gusslers' gift was an investment "not only in the college but in the community. Through this endowment, the college and those it serves can receive more support than is available through state funds."

The fund will give the school more flexibility to deal with needs as they manifest themselves, she said.

"It gives ACC the ability to respond quickly and effectively to the pressing needs of the institution," she said. "The fund can be used to support pro-

grams, professional development or physical plant emergencies."

The endowment will be set up through the Community College Foundation of Ashland Inc., the school's fund-raising arm.

The Gusslers' gift is also significant because it's an endowment, said Christine Anderson, the school's development officer. The principal from it will be preserved while the interest is spent.

"The beauty of this is that the college and foundation are assured that some funds will also be available for its greatest needs," Anderson said.

Mrs. Gussler said her daughter would be happy, too, that her memorial would benefit her home area.

To give to the fund, call Christine Anderson at (606) 326-2092 or (606) 326-2071.

Ex-student at WKU avoids jail in arson

Associated Press

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — A former Western Kentucky University student, accused of setting fire to his fraternity house, pleaded guilty but escaped a prison term.

Charles Joseph Wick II, 20, of Louisville entered an Alford plea yesterday in the Nov. 17, 1998, blaze that leveled Kappa Alpha Order's house.

No one was injured, and Wick initially was considered a hero for waking 14 men sleeping in the house and getting them to safety.

Police arrested him the next day.

Warren Circuit Judge John D. Minton accepted the Alford plea — which technically denies the defendant committed the crime but acknowledges enough evidence exists for a conviction — signed by Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Wilson, Wick and his attorney.

Wick originally was indicted on a first-degree arson charge, which carries a potential sentence of 20 years in prison.

Terms of the plea bargain amend the charge to third-degree arson and require him to perform 500 hours of community service.

Under the deal, Wick will get a five-year diverted sentence and will not spend time in prison as long as he meets terms of the plea, which require him to not commit additional offenses, not enter Warren County or re-enroll at Western Kentucky University, stay free of alcohol and drugs and participate in random substance tests, Minton said.

Wick told Minton he attends Northern Kentucky University and lives with his parents.

Since the fire, Wick has successfully completed an alcohol-abuse program and has maintained a clean record, court records said.

Wilson said he agreed to divert the sentence because Wick has shown remorse and "has done everything that I have required of him, including seeking counseling and leaving Western."

"The victims absolutely did not want to see him go to prison, and, based on the totality of the circumstances, I did not think prison was required," Wilson said.

The fraternity will not seek restitution "because they realize he has no money," Wilson said.

Suspended players reinstated at KSU

Ramsey cites length of inquiry into thefts

By Mark Story
HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Reversing a decision he made one month ago, Kentucky State University Athletics Director Derrick Ramsey yesterday reinstated 13 women's basketball players he indefinitely suspended on Nov. 9.

The suspensions came amid an investigation into thousands of dollars of merchandise stolen from a Frankfort sporting goods store.

Hibbett's Sports has alleged that an employee of the store in Franklin Square Shopping Center allowed members of the KSU women's basketball team to take merchandise from the store without paying or without paying full price.

The store alleges that about \$12,000 in merchandise was involved.

But Ramsey said yesterday that the investigation into the alleged theft was dragging on too long without anyone being formally charged.

"It is not like we were going to wait till February for them to decide if they are prosecuting," Ramsey said. "This thing just kept dragging on. We have to be fair to the young ladies."

Ramsey said he pressed officials with Hibbett's to turn over to the university evidence, including surveillance tapes or written statements that would incriminate specific players.

When the company did not do so, the KSU athletics director said, he felt the fair thing to do was to reinstate all the suspended players and let the matter play out in the legal system.

An official in the Birmingham, Ala., headquarters of Hibbett's said the company turned over its evidence in the case to a prosecutor this week.

"We think we have a very strong case," said Scott Myers, director of loss prevention at Hibbett's.

Morris Burton, commonwealth's attorney in Franklin County, said that after initially

viewing the material, he had informed the Frankfort Police Department that further investigation would be required before deciding whether to present the evidence to a grand jury.

At the time he suspended the players, Ramsey said that the incident "appeared to be really bad judgment on their part."

Yesterday, the former University of Kentucky football star said he did not regard his initial decision as a rush to judgment.

"I think the fair thing at this point is to let them play and let the court system sort this out."

Derrick Ramsey
KSU Athletics Director

There was an allegation, and I think I respect the integrity of this university," he said. "But I also have to protect our

girls. If any players are ultimately indicted, Ramsey said they will again be suspended. He said a player would have to be convicted before she lost a scholarship.

But the reinstatement of the players does not mean that they had no involvement in the alleged theft, Ramsey said.

Members of the KSU team turned over to a manager some of the merchandise, including stolen shoes, which were discounted. The manager then returned the shoes to the store, he said. The returned merchandise was less than half the amount that was allegedly taken, said Myers, the Hibbett's official.

"We know to some level that some of our kids were involved," Ramsey said. "But as far as them specifically spelling out what they did or what occurred, they did not. We don't know specifically who did what. Nobody incriminated themselves."

Asked if his decision to reinstate might be perceived as rewarding the players for not being forthcoming about their individ-

ual involvement in the incident, Ramsey bristled.

"You want to pick out the three (people) involved?" he asked. "I can't say that. You were involved; they were involved. I don't know that. So, in the meantime, do you punish everyone?"

"I think the fair thing at this point is to let them play and let the court system sort this out."

After the suspensions of the 13 players, Kentucky State was unable to field a team for its first five games of the season.

Ramsey said the school will try to reschedule three of the games.

The team, which Ramsey said had not been practicing together until this week, will play its first game today at 2 p.m. in Frankfort against Fort Valley State.

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Current announcers likely to keep UK jobs

By Amy Baldwin
HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

At least one — and possibly both — of the voices of the University of Kentucky Wildcats will keep calling the games.

The play-by-play job for men's hoops belongs to veteran Cats announcer Ralph Hacker for as long as he wants it, said Jim Host, CEO and founder of Lexington's Host Communications Inc., which on Thursday was awarded five-year broadcast rights for men's basketball and football.

HCI bid \$17.65 million for those rights.

"He is definitely going to do basketball," Host said of Hacker.

Now Host aims to talk Tom Leach into remaining the voice of Wildcat football games. But it likely won't take much talking. Leach wants the job.

"I love doing it and I want to keep doing it," Leach said yesterday.

Host said: "I certainly want him to do it. Hopefully we can work out the terms."

The only apparent hurdle is that Leach works for Cumulus Media but the radio partner in the new contract is Clear Channel.

Leach said he does not have a contract with Cumulus and that his No. 1 priority is his UK job.

"I always figured if I take care of that and do a good job there will always be somebody who wants to hire me," Leach said.

Host said he does not have a contract with Hacker but that he will work on a year-by-year basis. Hacker could not be reached for comment yesterday. But he said earlier this month he wanted to remain the voice of UK men's basketball, no matter who got the five-year rights, which run from April 2000 to April 2005.

HCI outbid a group that included Cumulus. Milwaukee-based Cumulus last spring bought Hacker's radio company, HMH Broadcasting, which owned WVLK-AM 590 — the spot on the radio dial where UK games have been aired for 52 years.

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Host wins again in broadcast war for big UK sports

By Amy Baldwin
HERALD-LEADER BUSINESS WRITER

Host Communications Inc. officially scored the five-year rights yesterday to broadcast University of Kentucky men's basketball and football.

"It came down to the dollars," said UK Senior Associate Athletics Director Larry Ivy.

Host bid \$17.65 million for the rights to the Cats. Cumulus Media and WLEX-TV (Channel 18) in a partnership with two sports marketers bid \$17 million. The bids were opened Dec. 1. Although the university reserved the right to choose a lower bidder based on other criteria, UK awarded the contract to Host yesterday.

"They were both qualified," Ivy said of the two bidders. "... (So) then you look at the total dollars."

The dollars for UK's big sports are big, and have been growing.

In the last round of bidding, in 1996, the rights for four years went to Host for \$9.22 million, 54 percent more than the 1992 contract. And year for year, the new contract represents an increase of 53 percent over the current one.

Host founder and CEO Jim Host attributed the high price to a growing and loyal base of college sports fans, inflation in advertising dollars and profitable new marketing possibilities. But he would not say what those new marketing opportunities might be.

"College sports is the one element that continues to have high audiences and a dramatic following and continues to increase their alumni. There are very intense fans, which is what advertisers love."

UK's Internet rights are not included in the contract, which runs from April 16, 2000, through April 15, 2005. The UK Athletics Association has an Internet contract with Atlanta-based University Netcast Inc. The contract expires at the end of the month.

Host said yesterday he will talk to UK about the possibility of getting the rights to put the Cats on the Net.



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CEO, Host
Communications

Students protest sweatshop conditions

By Tom Lasseter
HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

After watching about 35 students stage a banner-waving, chant-yelling protest in the middle of the Old Navy store where she was shopping yesterday, 16-year-old Regan Forester pursed her lips and said she did not approve of the activity.

"You don't see this in Kentucky," the Lexington Catholic High School junior said. "Kentucky is the epitome of prim and proper; you just don't protest here."

The group of mostly University of Kentucky and Transylvania University students apparently felt otherwise.

After being escorted out of the store and

past the shocked faces of patrons there, they continued to tell passers-by that Gap Inc. — which owns Old Navy — should not use sweatshops.

The protesters in front of the store at the Hamburg Pavilion shopping center claimed that Gap Inc. exploits workers by paying them pennies an hour to labor in poor conditions. In a statement, Gap Inc. denied the charges.

It was the second action of the day carried out by a loosely organized UK Coalition Against Sweatshops. Earlier in the afternoon, there was similar activity near the UK student center.

"We're going to keep moving, keep pushing because you have to create a lot of noise to make change," said Hannah Halbert, a junior in psychology at Transylvania who wore a medallion with the likeness of Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara on her neck.

The coalition is asking UK and other universities not to license apparel made in sweatshops.

UK is a member of the Fair Labor Organization, a group that the protesters said is too closely aligned with large corporations.

Kyle Moats, assistant athletic director for marketing at UK, said the school — which collects \$2.5 million in licensing revenue — is sensitive to the topic, and feels comfortable with the Fair Labor group.

The new deal, which Host signed yesterday, guarantees UK a minimum of \$3.53 million a year for the broadcast rights.

Host brings to the deal a radio network of 80 radio stations across Kentucky and the region, including 50,000-watt AM stations in Louisville and Cincinnati. The television network will include 10 stations.

Host has agreements with WKYT-TV (Channel 27) and Clear Channel, which owns seven Lexington radio stations.

This is the 10th consecutive year that Host has held the broadcast rights. But the firm's relationship with UK goes back to 1974

when it first won the Cats' radio rights.

While Host will keep its UK broadcast rights, the Cats won't be heard on Cumulus' WVLK-AM 590, where their games have aired for 52 years.

"We are obviously disappointed," said Rick Shaw, Cumulus' Lexington manager.

Jim Host announced in November that his firm was dropping WVLK's parent, Cumulus, as its radio partner in favor of Clear Channel. Host said he chose Clear Channel because of its dominance in the Louisville and Cincinnati markets, where Cumulus has no presence.

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WEB POSES TANTALIZING FINANCIAL ALLURE

MBA students leaving school early to strike Internet gold

By MARLA DICKERSON
Los Angeles Times

What happens to a dream deferred?

If you're an MBA student with a great Internet idea, maybe someone swipes your concept, takes their company public and gets rich while you're still studying.

Which is why Christopher Jenkins and Alex Wang bailed out of the University of California,

Los Angeles, last summer, determined to launch their auto-care "dot-com" before anyone beats them to it.

Indeed, dropping out has become the hot elective for some master of business administration students, who are ditching coveted slots in elite programs to take a flier on an Internet start-up.

Wisdom imparted on campus might last a lifetime, but the e-commerce gold rush won't,

these prospectors say. And with venture capitalists willing to bankroll top prospects with millions in equity capital, some business-school whiz kids are hitting the exits like basketball prodigies jumping early into

the pros.

Mallika Chopra is taking her game to the next level. The daughter of New Age luminary Deepak Chopra didn't return last fall for her final year at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management after investors put more than \$5 million into her plan to build a Web-based business focusing on holistic self-improvement.

"It was a no-brainer," said

Chopra, 28, who plans to launch Los Angeles-based My-Potential.com early next year. "My opportunity is now, not a year from now."

Even those students patient enough to graduate are increasingly shunning blue-chip employers and six-figure salaries for the chance to hit it big with an Internet start-up.

It's a warp-speed transition that has the nation's business schools bolstering their e-commerce offerings to placate anxious would-be Netpreneurs.

"There's a feeling that if this train leaves the station, there won't be another one," said Mohanbir Sawhney, professor of electronic commerce and technology at Kellogg. "The opportunity cost of waiting two years to graduate has gone way up."

Clearly, a graduate business degree from a top-flight university remains a valuable asset. Many a Fortune 500 executive matriculated at elite programs such as Harvard, where recent salary data show the average MBA student comes in making \$68,000 and leaves two years later for a job worth \$164,000.

This year a record 91,954 hopefuls applied for a seat in one of the nation's top 25 MBA programs, up 3 percent from 1998's previous record tally, according to Business Week magazine.

But while the overall number of business-school applicants continues to climb nationwide, the growth rate is only about half what it was a few years ago. A few top programs, such as those at the University of California, Berkeley and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, experienced double-digit percentage declines in new applications over the past year.

Admissions officials blame the slowdown on a strong economy that's keeping more young people in the workplace and a demographic hiccup that has produced a smaller pool of twentysomething applicants.

But some young fast-trackers have concluded that potential rewards online far exceed the expected benefits of a business-school diploma.

For the first time, elite business schools are seeing students abandon their hard-won seats for reasons other than illness.

At the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, for example, 25 of 765 students did not return last fall to complete their final year of the two-year MBA program. Most opted to stay with young Internet companies where they interned over the summer, while a few are pursuing their own online ventures.

At Kellogg, eight students defected to dot-com land. Three took the plunge at Stanford. At other schools, they've trickled out in ones and twos.

Those numbers show how the Net-preneurship movement is radicalizing would-be captains of industry. Just a few years ago, a fat offer from a top consulting company was as good as it gets for an MBA graduate. Then the Internet exploded and rocked the establishment to the core.

"I got a much better package as this company's 16th employee than I would have gotten had I waited to get my MBA," said John Griggs, a 27-year-old Texan who gave up a seat at Harvard to join Salt Lake City-based Campus Pipeline, which creates intranet systems for universities. "The whole equation has been turned on its head."

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Wethington contract controversy thrust Miles into the spotlight

By Holly E. Stepp
HERALD-LEADER EDUCATION REPORTER

Calling Billy Joe Miles' election to the chairmanship of the University of Kentucky's Board of Trustees a bloodless coup might be a bit extreme.

But that election did end a controversial period that had divided the usually cohesive board. And it marks a new way of doing business for the 20-member group.

Miles stepped into the spotlight after the trustees voted on May 4 to extend UK President Charles Wethington's contract for two additional years beyond his expected retirement in 2001.

The vote ignited a firestorm of criticism from faculty and some trustees, who charged that the decision was hastily made and violated UK's mandatory age-65 retirement rule.

In the months that followed, the state's two largest newspapers sued the UK board, charging that it violated the state's open meetings law by discussing

the contract extension in closed session. That lawsuit has not been resolved.

UK's University Senate asked the board to vote again on

Wethington's contract, and that second vote at a special June 8 meeting put the normally press-shy Miles in the forefront of the debate.

After consulting his own attorneys, Miles offered a motion that would have rescinded the contract and admitted that the trustees may have acted illegally. The motion was eventually amended to simply ask for a vote to rescind the extension. The board then deadlocked over whether to rescind the contract extension.

On June 29, the board voted to rescind the original contract extension, but also to keep Wethington on for two additional years as a special fund-raiser.

By that point, Miles said, he was convinced that the board needed "not a revolution, but an evolution."

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Murray State OKs dorm fee increase

Murray State University regents approved an increase in dormitory fees to help pay for sprinklers and other safety-related improvements on campus.

The regents on Friday approved an 11 percent increase, which starts next summer. The same fees were raised by 12 percent in February for the current school year.

The latest increase means two students sharing a room will each pay an extra \$95 a semester next fall. A year ago those students each paid \$780 a semester. Now they pay \$875. Next fall they will pay \$970 a semester.

The board of regents has approved \$6.37 million in revenue bonds to cover the cost for the fire-related renovations, maintenance and other related expenses such as interest on the bonds.

The housing increase comes in the aftermath of a Sept. 18, 1998, fire in Hester Hall in which Michael Minger, 19, of Niceville, Fla., died and Michael Priddy, 22, suffered severe smoke inhalation and third-degree burns.

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Change came on Sept. 21, when the board elected Miles chairman and Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Reed of Louisville vice chairman. The 11-9 vote rejected the slate of candidates preferred by the outgoing chairman and head of the nominating committee, former Gov. Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt. That slate of

candidates was headed by Ashland Inc. CEO Paul Chellgren.

Before the vote, Miles told the trustees he wanted all of them to take part in leading the board.

"What I'm really running for is what we all learned in kindergarten, that is to share," he said at the time.

After the meeting, Miles said his goal would be uniting the board behind one mission — top 20 public university status for UK, a mandate set by the 1997 higher education reform act.

"I am sorry to have to be part of something that has divided the board," Miles told the board then, "but right now this is a new day."

Reed said Miles' egalitarian approach to management is what won him over.

"He truly believes that every trustee has a role to play and wants everyone to be involved," Reed said.

"Once people realize that, I think everyone will work with him."

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An overnight stay helps students choose college

DAYTON (AP) — After all the glossy presentations and official welcomes, how will you know which college offers you the best fit?

Spend the night, says Josie Werhowatz, a recent University of Dayton graduate who organized and coordinated her school's overnight program last year. About 175 high school students spent the night on campus for official overnight visits.

"It gives you a true representation of what life is really like," she says. With no parents, no rehearsed speeches or tidied-up dorm rooms, a night on campus can make or break your impression of the school.

"If you're going to compare schools, you should do an overnight at as many places as you can," says Jake Muszynski, a UD student who is coordinating the overnight program this year.

Prospective students first schedule a visit with the admissions office, where they're matched with student hosts who take the visitors to classes, show them around campus and give them a place to stay.

"Basically, you'll be doing whatever your host normally

does," says Werhowatz.

She advises prospects to schedule visits during the week rather than at the weekend, when it's harder to find hosts and there are no classes.

So what do you bring? Along with bedding, clothes, and money for food, remember to bring a notepad and jot down your impressions.

Greg Bajbas, a UD chemical engineering major, made overnight visits to two campuses before making his decision. "All you really need is a couple of bucks and a pillow. It gives you a much better idea of what campus is like."

Be sure to check out dormitory options, sit in on a class and visit the computer labs, he adds.

Another reality check is that visitors are under the same restrictions they would be under as first-year students. Students and parents will receive emergency phone numbers so they will have access to a university staff member.

Muszynski says he thinks it's a mistake for visiting students and their parents to put too much emphasis on either social atmosphere or academics.

Ecampus.com luring students to Web site

By Jon Fortt

HERALD LEADER BUSINESS WRITER

By one measure at least, former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's textbook-selling business is out-dot-comming the dot-coms.

Lexington-based ecampus.com, a spinoff of Wallace's College Book Co., may or may not have an IPO in the spring. Wilkinson and board member Dave Thomas say it will, while a company spokesman says there have been "no official announcements." Regardless, the company has made its mark on the online world.

Ecampus.com was the most visited online college textbook store in October, according to PC Data, a firm that tracks Internet site traffic and sales.

Ecampus.com was launched in July after an Internet commerce blitz by BigWords.com, Textbooks.com and VarsityBooks.com

caught Wallace's off guard.

Competitors dispute the exact Internet numbers for October. PC Data is one of three major firms that measure Web traffic, and Media Metrix and NetRatings sometimes present different figures. (For instance, VarsityBooks.com, which plans an IPO, said Media Metrix had them ahead.) Without question, though, ecampus.com has narrowed the early lead held by online-only startups.

Not long ago, several Internet entrepreneurs insisted that established bricks-and-mortar businesses would lose online. Bricks and mortar are relics of the old economy, they said: too slow and stodgy to understand e-commerce. For a while, many traditional businesses bore out that theory,

building clumsy and inadequate Web sites.

Just before ecampus.com launched in July, Eric Kuhn, CEO of VarsityBooks.com, maintained that students, already fed up with high textbook prices, would view ecampus.com as a front for Wallace's. "I believe students will see right through that," Kuhn said.

BigWords.com CEO Matt Johnson was similarly dismissive. "Ecampus just isn't on brand with the students. It doesn't mean anything," he said. Johnson said students are "looking for something that's emotional, that's not just functional for them."

Now it seems the competition may have underestimated ecampus.com. The Lexington-based company raised enough capital to mount a professional fall ad campaign using television, radio and print. The crass commercials, which featured fraternity-like stunts such as goldfish-eating and alphabet-burping, made waves. And ecampus.com says they succeeded in driving traffic to the Web site.

In other industries as well as some analysts predicted, school companies are getting wiser to the ways of the ToysRus.com beat eToys.com the last Media Metrix tall Christmas traffic, and many analysts predict that when Wal-Mart presents its remodeled Web early next year, it will give Amazon.com a run for its money.

Meanwhile, ecampus.com is continuing its strategy of pairing with bricks-and-mortar stores to sell online, and plan to use the same in-your-face commercials for the spring semester book rush next month.

"We felt very good about how we did in the fall," ecampus.com spokesman Alexander says. "We're looking forward to this next cycle."

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Trailer court out, new parking lot in

Student residents worry they will have a tough time finding affordable housing

By Wayne Partridge
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RICHMOND — Amid the red-brick buildings and manicured landscaping of Eastern Kentucky University sits Brockton Trailer Court, a collection of about 30 mobile homes.

The aging trailers have served as inexpensive housing for students with spouses or children, but as of June 30, Eastern officials plan to remove the trailers and use the land for parking.

Some of the trailers already have been auctioned off and removed by their new owners,

leaving concrete pads littered with rubble and old vinyl siding.

Eastern is the only major Kentucky university still using mobile homes for student housing.

"The trailers are old and increasingly difficult to maintain," said Doug Whitlock, ECU vice president for administration and finance. "The possibility of converting that area to a parking lot has been discussed for several years now, and we decided to go ahead and do it."

Many of the students welcome the idea of a new parking

lot, which would hold almost 470 vehicles. But residents of the trailer park worry that they won't be able to find affordable housing elsewhere.

"This isn't the best place to live, but it's \$180 a month plus

jobs and go to school full-time, and it's hard making ends meet. The next cheapest thing is another \$200 a month."

Stewart and other residents say they are upset at the timing of the notice. A letter went out a few days before Thanksgiving notifying residents that their leases would not be renewed past June 30.

"I was supposed to graduate next December, but I'm going to have to get another job just to pay rent," said Tim Maines, who lives in Brockton with his wife and 4-month-old daughter. "I might have to drop out for a while."

Whitlock said the university is working to find the families on campus housing that is comparable or better, and said the financial burden shouldn't be that much for residents.

The university has two-bedroom duplexes that rent for \$325 a month including utilities. Once utilities are added in, Brockton residents now pay as much as \$260 a month to live in their trailers, so the total increase could be less than \$100 a month, officials say.

The university is also waiving residents' rent for December and their last month of occupancy.

"We're doing everything we can for these students," Whitlock said. "This is one of those greater-good decisions that you sometimes have to make that inconvenience some, but benefit the rest of the community."

utilities," said Angie Stewart, a junior who has lived in the trailer park for three years with her 6-year-old daughter. "I'm a single mom and I work two

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Murray president opposed by faculty

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MURRAY — Murray State University President Kern Alexander says the faculty evaluation of his leadership shows good progress. It was not a favorable report.

About 65 percent of the 322 respondents said Alexander should not be retained as president. The survey showed 13 percent thought he should be retained.

But Alexander said this week that "when the board hired me six years ago, I received zero votes from the Faculty Senate, a body that is supposed to reflect the mind of the faculty."

At the time he was hired, the Faculty Senate voted 28-0 against his employment, he said. "I just hope that the positive trend of the latest poll will continue during the next six years," he said.

"Popularity polls go up and down," he said. "I know the faculty remains upset about the open records release of faculty evaluations to the Murray State students last spring."

That was not the main reason the Faculty Senate evaluated Alexander's work, Senate President William Call said. Instead, it was in response to earlier statements that only a few disgruntled faculty members were making a lot of the noise.

"It's unbelievable to me he sees a positive trend in this," Call said.

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WKU, Morehead slow to put sprinklers in dorms

Officials say pace will avoid large housing-fee hikes

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Western Kentucky and Morehead State plan to take longer than other state universities to install sprinklers in dormitories.

Western Kentucky, at Bowling Green, has fitted two of its taller dorms and plans to do at least five more by the 2004 fall semester.

Morehead State also has fitted two and is scheduled to complete 11 others by the 2003 fall semester. No other state university has a fire-safety project scheduled for completion beyond September 2001.

Dorm safety has been an issue since a student, Michael Minger of Niceville, Fla., was killed in a dorm fire at Murray State University in 1998. Like most others in the state, Minger's dorm predated a state building code that required

sprinklers in dorms higher than three stories.

Murray State has since installed sprinklers in its taller dorms. "It looks like Murray has addressed it more aggressively," said state Rep. Jim Wayne, who is on a legislative committee that reviews capital construction projects.

Officials of Western and Morehead told the committee a longer phase-in gave students time to digest the higher cost of housing. "It would be a serious financial hardship on our students" to finance the work all at once, said Porter Dailey, Morehead State's vice president for administration.

Morehead State, like most of the other institutions, is financing the projects with a bond issue. The institutions have to pay off the bonds, usually with housing and dining fees.

Morehead State raised housing fees \$35 a semester this year and expects to raise them another \$35 a semester next year, Dailey said. There probably will be an increase each year of the project, he added.

Western is using cash reserves for its project, housing

director Brian Kuster said. But housing fees were raised \$45 a semester this fall.

Murray State has raised housing fees \$95 to \$140 a semester, according to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Ken Walker, the council's vice president for finance, said the institutions were urged to move quickly but were allowed to set their own schedules. Availability of contractors was a factor for each, Walker said.

The state fire marshal didn't try to pressure the institutions "because of the financial implications," said Chuck Cotton, commissioner of the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, which includes the fire marshal's office.

Wayne, D-Louisville, said the deliberate approach should alarm parents of students. "It means we have a number of dorms that are not safe for their students," he said.

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UK trustees put off decision

Group tables Wethington's recommendations about expanding president search committee

By Holly E. Stepp
HERALD-LEADER EDUCATION WRITER

The University of Kentucky Board of Trustees yesterday delayed a decision on who will be on the committee to search for its next president.

The trustees decided not to approve a recommendation from the UK administration to expand the search committee from 10 to 14 members to include additional faculty, staff, students and alumni.

"I think this kind of increase moves the search committee to the outer limits of manageability," said trustee Dan Reedy, a Spanish professor.

UK President Charles Wethington offered the proposal as a revision of a University Senate recommendation.

University bylaws call for search committees to include one faculty member from the UK Community College system, but UK no longer controls it. The senate council had recommended instead that the position be filled by a

Wethington suggested that the board do that, but also:

- increase the number of trustees on the committee from five to seven;

- designate one of the three faculty spots for a professor from the medical center;

- increase the number of student spots from one to two — one undergraduate and one graduate;

- and add one additional spot for an alumnus.

Wethington said the increase allotted a spot for all of UK's major constituents.

The board voted unanimously to table the motion indefinitely.

Board chairman Billy Joe Miles said that he wouldn't appoint the search committee until the spring and would ask the board's committee on committees to study the issue.

That new ad hoc committee met for

the first time earlier in the day to discuss how the board conducts its business.

Among other things, the committee is proposing the trustees go through an in-depth self-study and workshop to help board members determine what role they should play in the university community.

The committee's final proposal will be presented to the board next month, and a workshop could be held early in the spring.

"It seems timely that as the university goes through a self-study for accreditation, the board take a look at what we are doing," said trustee Loys Mather, who is heading the committee.

"The board is going to need to be focused on the university's mission and its role as it prepares to select the next president," said Mather, an agriculture economic

UK plan would ban smoking in housing

Student group backs policy that could take effect next fall

By Dena Tackett

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

When Carla Peoples rolls out of bed each morning, the first thing she reaches for is a cigarette.

A proposed policy to ban smoking in all University of Kentucky residence halls could change things for Peoples and other smokers on campus.

Peoples, an 18-year-old architecture major from Frenchburg, is opposed to the

policy, which could take effect as early as next fall. A university decision is expected on the ban next semester.

Peoples lives in UK's Greg Page Apartments with two roommates who also smoke.

"It makes me mad," she said. "I pay my money to live here and I smoke, and I think you should be able to smoke if you want to. I understand how non-smokers feel, but there are also a lot of smokers here."

Currently, 16 of UK's 19 residence halls are non-smoking.

The policy to expand that to all residence halls, including Greg Page Apartments, was introduced at a Residence Hall Association meeting Dec. 1. The association, a student organization that coordinates programming for residents of campus housing, supports the policy, which was proposed by two UK departments: the offices of residence life and auxiliary services.

The proposed change relates to supply and demand, officials said.

"Each year there is an increase in students who say they want to live in a smoke-free environment," said James Wims, director of ResLife. "Also, only 2 percent of housing applicants indicated they were smokers this fall."

Officials and students agree that the number of smoking residents is probably larger, though.

"There are a lot of students who don't give us the correct information, and some even pick up the habit when they come to school," said Tammy Dishion, housing manager.

The housing office uses the smoking preference indicated on the application to place students in rooms. The office does not assign smokers with non-smokers unless they request to be together, Dishion said. If the preference is not indicated, it is assumed the student is a non-smoker.

Last fall, UK didn't have enough non-smoking rooms to fill the requests for them, Dishion said.

"We just felt that the students wanted it, so we felt we should go ahead with it and make all the halls smoke-free," she said.

Other universities have housing policies that ban smoking in the dorms' common areas, such as lobbies and study rooms, but allow roommates to determine the smoking policy for their individual rooms. Like UK, many try to pair students by their smoking preferences.

Still, many student smokers think that because they pay more than \$2,500 a year for the rooms they should be able to smoke if they want.

Some, like Angela Krundieck, Residence Hall Association president, think the policy will not hold up if implemented.

Still, Krundieck, a non-smoker, backs the policy change.

"You can make the residence halls smoke-free, but I don't think it will stop people from smoking in their rooms," she said. "It's a good idea in some aspects, but it has its pros and cons just like everything else."

At its meeting, RHA offered some suggestions that would ease the transition for smokers, such as building smoking facilities outside some of the dorms or converting one of the basement rooms in some of the halls into smoking rooms like the smoking section of the student center.

Meanwhile, students on campus and even in Peoples' room are divided on the issue.

One of Peoples' roommates, Krystal Lowe, a 20-year-old fashion merchandising major from Pikeville, is against the policy change. She said it would be annoying for students to have to walk outside every time they wanted a cigarette.

Peoples' other roommate, Lauren Mackin, an 18-year-old business management major from Louisville, supports the current policy and is for the policy change.

"Even though I smoke, I also try to respect people," she said.

Mackin said she's trying to quit.

"I smoke, but I also know it stinks," Mackin said. "I wouldn't want it stinking up my room if I didn't smoke."

Kenneth Sebesta, a 21-year-old mechanical engineering and math major who doesn't smoke, lives in Patterson Hall. He said he doesn't favor the ban because dorm residents can open their windows to allow air to circulate.

But Sebesta, who is from Winchester, said he would think differently after UK remodels Patterson's ventilation system, which will mean that the dorm windows won't open. Then, he said, other people's smoking would disturb him and become a problem.

"It's a personal decision, but it makes me sick when people are smoking around me," he said.

Wims said discussions will continue on the issue next spring.

"At this point we are just considering this," Wims said. "We have not made any decisions."

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MSU to have winter commencement

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University will have its 1999 Winter Commencement at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the

Academic-Athletic Center.

The university will award two honorary degrees: to Josephine D. Richardson, a former community journalist and social worker; and John M. Rosenberg of Prestonsburg, director of the Appalachia Research and De-

fense Fund of Kentucky.

Graduating senior Lisa Dawn Burris of Vanceburg will be student speaker.

About 500 graduate and undergraduate students are candidates for degrees.

MIT to use software created at Morehead State

MOREHEAD (AP) — The Massachusetts Institute of Technology was looking for a computerized road map to the heavens, and Morehead State University had just such a thing.

The college has given MIT permission to use its Morehead Radio Telescope Operator Program, which makes it possible for telescopes to automatically track the stars. MIT wants to use the technology to develop another program that could help bring small telescopes to high schools and colleges.

The software was created by MSU students and faculty over the course of more than three years. It also runs the school's 44- by 11-foot radio telescope, a Cold War-era instrument made

It's a fairly big deal for us. It's really fairly flattering that MIT would be interested in the code.

**Benjamin Malphrus,
science professor at MSU**

for the Army.

Mark F. Derome, a project electromechanical technician at MIT's Haystack Observatory said he's impressed by the MSU software.

"As long as you plug in the right longitude and the right latitude and the right day of the year, their program will tell you where the star is," Derome said.

"It's very, very helpful. They did a nice job down there," he said.

MSU science professor Benjamin Malphrus said the students and faculty are pleased that their project has been noticed.

"It's a fairly big deal for us," he said. "It's really fairly flattering that MIT would be interested in the code."

If it secures funding, MIT plans to convert satellite television dishes into small radio telescopes and install them at 100 high schools and universities

around the country in the next two years. Derome is drafting a computer program for those telescopes and says he'd like to include part of MSU's code for "mapping the sky."

Michael Combs, 26, an MSU graduate who worked on the project, doesn't mind sharing his work with MIT.

"I think it's fantastic that a university of that stature is actually calling and asking us for code," he said.

Isaac Hopper, 22, a computer information systems major, also helped with the program. He said he's excited that MIT has recognized the hard work.

"It give us an opportunity to show what students at Morehead can do."

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Trustees cut tuition at Shawnee State

PORTSMOUTH — The Board of Trustees at Shawnee State University reduced the school's tuition by 4 percent at its meeting Thursday.

Tuition for the 1999-2000 academic year is \$1,098 per quarter. Next year the tuition will be \$1,054. Part-time students will pay \$88 per credit per quarter, as opposed to \$92 this year.

The university's \$31 application fee also has been dropped.

The trustees also approved a new pay scale, effective in winter 2000, for adjunct faculty members.

The University of Akron recently received approval to offer an educational administration master's degree program on the SSU campus beginning in January.

Kentucky and West Virginia students may complete that degree at the same tuition rate they would pay if they lived in Ohio.

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FRANKFORT Auditor to help KSU's accounting

State Auditor Ed Hatchett has agreed to help Kentucky State University sort out the accounting problems that have plagued the institution in recent years.

Audits have found numerous uncorrected accounting problems in the university's record-keeping going back as far as 1995, making up-to-date financial statements impossible.

University President George W. Reid asked Hatchett for help in cleaning up the finan-

The Daily Independent, Ashland, Kentucky, Monday, December 13, 1999

'Educators' at heart of schools' problems

Despite brave talk about raising intellectual standards in our public schools and requiring students to pass serious tests before being promoted or graduated, the first disastrous results of these tests have caused the reformers to turn tail and run.

In Virginia, each school was supposed to have at least 70 percent of its students pass the state's exams, in order for the school to retain its accreditation. When only seven percent of the students passed the exams, the requirement was waived.

In Arizona, only one-tenth of the high school sophomores passed the new math exam and the state agreed to "reconsider" its requirements.

Wisconsin has already withdrawn a test that it was going to require students to pass as a condition of graduation.

In short, the prevailing philosophy seems to be: If the students don't reach the standards, bring the standards down to them. Meanwhile, the education establishment has developed a whole inventory of tactics for responding to critics with excuses, evasions and verbal counter-attacks.

One of these counter-attacks is to demand that the critics solve the schools' problems. "Anybody can criticize," the education establishment says. "But what do you have to offer that is positive? If you know what we should do, then why don't you tell us, instead of just being negative?"

In reality, all sorts of critics have already told the "educators" what they should do, for decades on end, and they have not shown the slightest interest in doing it.

Phonics, the 3 R's instead of psychobabble and propaganda courses, parental choice and serious testing of students and teachers have all been suggested — and all bitterly resisted by "educators," despite their rhetorical pose of being open to new ideas or "constructive criticism."

When top scientists offered to create a science curriculum for the high schools of California, free of charge, the offer was rejected by the education establishment.

The real problem with the

rhetorical question posed by these "educators" is that they are themselves the most fundamental obstacle to improvement. So long as public school teachers and administrators are drawn primarily from the bottom layers of college students, so long as they have iron-clad tenure, so long as their pay is wholly divorced from performance, and so long as they have a monopoly of the vast majority of students, everything else is just re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

Telling the existing "educators" how to educate would be an exercise in futility, even if they were honest about wanting to learn. There is no point trying to teach elephants how

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• Educators:

to fly. If you want flying, you had better get birds.

So long as mindless education courses repel intelligent people from the teaching profession, you are not going to have the caliber of teachers or administrators needed. Second-rate people are not going to produce first-rate education.

Endless reforms may come and go, but you are still not going to make a silk purse out

of a sow's ear, no matter how much you pay for the sow's ear.

When confronted by tons of research, going back for decades, showing the grossly inferior academic performances of those college students who are preparing to go into teaching, the ingenuity of the excuse-makers reaches its height.

The simple, bald-faced lie of denial comes first. Facts are dismissed as "just your opinion." This waves aside hard data from innumerable studies by innumerable scholars which consistently show education students scoring at or near the bottom on a wide variety of mental tests.

Brazen denials are accompanied by denunciations of those who "generalize" about educators. Exceptions are trotted out to show that not "all" teachers have low academic performances — as if anybody had ever said that "all" people in any occupation were the same.

Some teachers even parade their high grade-point averages — in soft education

courses with inflated grades.

Even undeniable evidence of public school students' failures on tests can be evaded claiming that whatever the students fail is not the "real" goal of education.

Multiple criteria allow any specific failure to be brushed aside because there are other things at which the school can be presumed to succeed — or better yet, in which success or failure are impossible to define. It is an elaborate shell game.

So long as we keep buying it, they will keep selling it.

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UK breaks ground for allied health building

Construction will entail rerouting of Rose at Limestone

By Jim Warren
HERALD-LEADER MEDICAL WRITER

The University of Kentucky yesterday kicked off a series of projects that in two years will provide a totally new campus entrance at Rose and South Limestone streets.

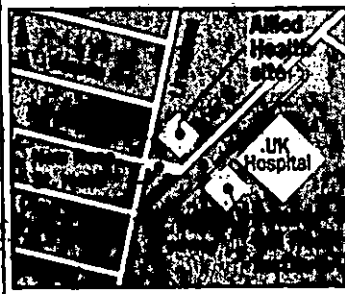
Officials broke ground for the \$33.5 million College of Allied Health Professions Building in the narrow point of land between the two streets.

In a few months, ground also will be broken for the new Linda and Jack Gill Heart Institute just across Rose Street.

In conjunction with those projects, the south end of Rose Street will be rerouted, tying into South Limestone at a new intersection to be built at Transscript Avenue. That will eliminate the existing Y intersection that frequently confuses motorists, and provide a new gate-

New gateway to UK?

The Rose Street-South Limestone intersection will look entirely different in two years, when the University of Kentucky will have completed its College of Allied Health Professions and Gill Heart Institute buildings. Ground was broken for Allied Health yesterday. As part of the project, the south end of Rose Street will be rerouted at South Limestone.



CHRIS WARE/STAFF

way to UK's medical campus.

Construction should be completed in late 2001, said Dr. James Holsinger, chancellor of UK's Chandler Medical Center.

The College of Allied Health Professions, the largest college

within the medical center, was created in 1966, but until now has never had a permanent home.

Its new six-story headquarters will have offices, classrooms and teaching and research laboratories, as well as providing office space for the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. The state will provide \$20 million for construction, with another \$13.5 million coming from private donations and gifts.

The College of Allied Health Professions trains students in nine disciplines: athletic training; clinical laboratory sciences; clinical nutrition; communication disorders; health services management; pastoral counseling; physical assistant studies; physical therapy; and radiation sciences.

The clinical laboratory sciences division was ranked the nation's best last year by Clinical Laboratory Science, a trade journal. The physical therapy and communication disorders divisions are ranked among the nation's top programs by U.S. News & World Report.

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Bid to increase UK panel size put off

Presidential search group would grow by 4

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Despite protests from several board members, the University of Kentucky board of trustees has put on hold a recommendation that would have added four members to the presidential search committee.

Under the recommendation submitted by the school's administration, one student, one alumni representative and two more board members would have joined the committee, bringing the number of members to 14.

University President Charles Wethington and a number of board members at Tuesday's meeting voiced concerns over having such a large committee.

"An increase of a committee to 14 reaches the limits of manageability," said Dan Reedy, the faculty representative on the board who proposed tabling the recommendation.

Among those who voiced discomfort with tabling it were board member and former governor Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt and board member and student government president

James Glenn, who said they felt that additional student representation was important.

Board Chairman Billy Joe Miles said that there should be plenty of time for consideration of the issue before the appointment of the committee that will search for Wethington's successor.

"It will be spring before we even think about naming this committee," Miles said.

Wethington will leave office in 2001.

Under the current provisions, the search committee would consist of five board members, three faculty members, one member of the community college system faculty and one student. A staff representative would have replaced the community college faculty member under the recommendation tabled Tuesday.

In other business, the board:

■ Appointed Dr. Kenneth B. Roberts dean of the College of Pharmacy. Roberts, who succeeds Jordan Roberts as dean of the school of pharmacy at the University of Mississippi.

■ Appointed F. Douglas Scutchfield director of the Kentucky School of Public Health. The school is an outgrowth of an agreement between UK and the University of Louisville to coordinate their efforts to create public health programs.

UK could ban smoking in all residence halls

Proposal would make nine more dorms smoke-free

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The University of Kentucky might ban smoking in all residence halls.

The proposed policy, which would ultimately require the approval of UK President Charles Wethington, is supported by the university's Residence Hall Association. The organization says it's the right thing to do — though some at UK say it won't prevent smoking on the sly.

Ten halls are already non-smoking. The idea to make the nine others smoke-free is

backed by the association, which allowed introduction of the proposal at a Dec. 1 meeting.

It was made on behalf of two UK organizations, the offices of residence life and auxiliary services.

On housing applications for this fall, 2 percent of students said they were smokers. Students and officials agree the figure is probably larger.

"There are a lot of students who don't give us the correct information, and some even pick up the habit when they come to school," said Tammy Dishion, UK housing manager.

Although the office does not assign smokers to bunk with non-smokers unless requested, it is assumed that no indication of preference indicates the person does not smoke, Dishion said. There were more requests

for non-smoking rooms than the university could provide for the fall, she added.

Students who smoke point to the \$2,500 a year they must pay for a room in defense of the right to light up.

"It makes me mad," Carla Peoples, an 18-year-old student from Frenchburg, said of the proposed smoking ban. "I pay my money to live here and I smoke, and I think you should

be able to smoke if you want to. I understand how non-smokers feel, but there are also a lot of smokers here."

The Residence Hall Association has some interim proposals to make the transition for smokers easier. They include building outside smoking areas near the residence halls or converting basement rooms to smoking rooms.

Angela Krundieck, Residence

Hall Association president, predicts the no-smoking policy will not hold up if implemented. Still, Krundieck, a non-smoker, said she backs the policy change.

"You can make the residence halls smoke-free, but I don't think it will stop people from smoking in their rooms," she said. "It's a good idea in some aspects, but it has its pros and cons just like everything else."

College officials must try to curb binge drinking

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Binge drinking on campuses has reached dangerous proportions in recent years and shows no sign of slowing down. A recent study by Harvard's School of Public Health found that 43 percent of college students were identified as binge drinkers. This means they drank five or more drinks at least once a week.

One-fifth of all college students are "frequent" binge drinkers, consuming an average of 17.9 drinks a week. Most students enter college with binge drinking problems. These binge drinkers are drinking not to get silly, but to pass out.

Why are so many students pushing drinking to the extreme? One answer is that most binge drinkers don't think they have a problem. They think they are just doing what most of their peers do.

Why isn't more being done to stop this behavior? Instead of searching for contraband alcohol, colleges would be wise to engage leaders in helping administrators work out a clearly worded code of conduct that penalizes drunken behavior and then enforces it consistently. Repeat offenders should face a "three strikes and you're out" policy for alcohol-related violations of the conduct code.

Institutions need to attack the availability of alcohol at low prices to college students. Schools need to give students more alcohol-free entertainment.

Not too long ago, smoking in public areas was allowed. But now, because of the wide recognition that smoking hurts both the smoker and the people nearby, the air has been cleared. Binge drinking can become equally unacceptable on campuses if the same actions are taken.

Morehead, Western to install sprinklers

FRANKFORT — A legislator says parents scouting colleges for their children should include this question: Do the dorms have sprinklers?

He said that might spur some universities to quicker action in getting older residential halls up to modern building codes.

The institutions embarked on a huge project to install sprinklers and other equipment following the death of a student in a

dorm fire at Murray State University last year.

Wayne, part of a committee that reviews construction projects throughout state government, was told that most of the projects are being phased in. Western Kentucky University and Morehead State plan to take longer than the other universities.

Western Kentucky, at Bowling Green, has fitted two of its taller dorms and plans to do at least five more in time for the fall semester in 2004.

Morehead State also has fitted two and is scheduled to complete 11 others a year ahead of Western.

No other state university has a fire-safety project scheduled for completion beyond September 2001. Most college dorms in Kentucky were built before the state began requiring sprinklers in buildings higher than three stories.

Murray State plunged in to a modernization after the fire that killed Michael Minger of Niceville, Fla. Minger lived in Hester Hall, an eight-story dorm. Wayne said Murray State "has addressed it more aggressively" than other schools.

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LEXINGTON

UK breaks ground on health building

University of Kentucky officials broke ground yesterday for a \$33.5 million College of Allied Health Professions building scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2001.

The 1998 General Assembly earmarked \$20 million in state funds to help finance the 210,000-square-foot building, with the remaining \$13.5 million coming from gifts and donations.

The college provides training and education in nine disciplines, including athletic training, clinical nutrition and pastoral counseling.

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The Sunday Independent, Ashland, Kentucky, Sunday, December 19, 1999

From MSU to MIT

A decision by the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology to use software developed by Morehead State University students and faculty to track the stars is a real feather in the cap for MSU.

MSU has given MIT permission to use its Morehead Radio Telescope Operator Program, which makes it possible for telescopes to automatically track the stars. MIT wants to use the technology to develop another program that could help bring small telescopes to high schools and colleges.

The software was created by MSU students and faculty over the course of more than three years. It also runs the school's 44-by-11-foot radio telescope, a Cold War-era instrument made for the Army.

MSU science professor Benjamin Malphrus said the students and faculty are pleased

that their project has been noticed.

"It's a fairly big deal for us," he said. "It's really fairly flattering that MIT would be interested in the code."

Flattering is right. Those who worked on the software can now boast that it is being used by one of the world's most respected institutions of higher learning.

The software also may allow more high school students to gaze at distant stars. If it secures funding, MIT plans to convert satellite television dishes into small radio telescopes and install them at 100 high schools and universities around the country.

Morehead State doesn't have near the academic reputation that MIT enjoys, but the computer program is ample evidence that good students can receive an excellent education at MSU.

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JK senior knows hard work, sweet thrill of success

By Holly E. Stepp

HERALD-LEADER EDUCATION WRITER

Monica Grant doesn't have much free time.

Consider the 15 hours a week the University of Kentucky senior spends working three different jobs. Add in a full load of anthropology classes and numerous clubs and honor societies, and it's a wonder Grant even has time to sleep.

But she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I have always been a very motivated and goal-oriented person," says the Louisville native, 21.

"Once I set my mind to something, I am not easily distracted from it."

And Grant's hard work has paid off, as she has become one of UK's most honored students.

Earlier this month, Grant, an anthropology major, won one of 40 Marshall scholarships, an international award that is perhaps second in prestige only to the Rhodes Scholarship. More than 1,000 students competed for the award.

The Marshall Scholarship provides tuition, fees and living

expenses for recipients to earn degrees at any British university. The scholarships were founded in 1953 by Parliament to commemorate the ideals of European Recovery Programme, the post-World War II effort known as the Marshall Plan.

It's another accomplishment in a long list of honors for Grant.

Last year, she won the Truman Scholarship, a \$30,000 award that has covered her senior expenses at UK, with the remainder left over for graduate studies.

Grant is still a little amazed by all she has accomplished.

"Every day I think 'wow.' I never expected that I would accomplish all this," Grant said last week, during a break from writing final term papers. (Her

last one was on the Yoruba people of Nigeria.)

Grant says she plans to use the Marshall Scholarship to study the cultural and medical effects that development has on groups of people, at the London School of Economics or the University of Sussex. The Truman Scholarship

will be held in abeyance, likely until Grant begins graduate school. She plans to become a doctor, specializing in public health.

For many who know Grant, her success is no surprise.

"She has such a genuine and fresh intellect and curiosity," said Kate Johnson, academic coordinator for UK's honors program.

Grant showed the makings of a true scholar early on, as a student at Louisville's du Pont Manual High School, she took 12 credit hours of courses at the University of Louisville. She ended up graduating from Manual as co-valedictorian, and won a Singletary Scholarship from UK — the university's most prestigious award.

Her summers have been spent advising participants in the state's Governor's Scholars program and working with the terminally ill at a North Carolina health center.

"You can spend time crunching numbers about death and life and forget the humanity of it

all, but seeing these people who have the strength to go on brings it all back," said Grant.

During high school, she worked at a camp for asthmatic children, which inspired the public policy paper she submitted as part of her application for the Truman Scholarship.

Grant has a hard time thinking of what she does in her free time.

There are two reasons why: there is so little of it and she thrives on academic pursuits.

"I never imagine a time will come where I won't be studying or learning."

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Kentucky owes its college students smoke-free dorms

THE proposal to ban smoking in University of Kentucky residence halls is good news. It's billed as a response to supply and demand: More and more students ask to live in smoke-free dorms; meanwhile, only a tiny minority of housing applicants identify themselves as smokers.

But even if this were not the case, a dorm ban on smoking would be justified by the same health considerations that have led so many private companies and public agencies to prevent smoking in their buildings.

A UK housing manager, Tammy Dishon, notes that some students become smokers when they go away to college and exercise their first real freedom. That makes university housing a particularly good place to discourage the habit.

Of course, dorm managers should try to help, not just hector. All the usual devices to assist the already-committed smoker make a transition to smoke-free living should be considered at UK. Some provision for counsel-

ing makes sense. Even the construction of smoking shelters adjacent to dorms is justified.

Some anti-cigarette zealots (as puffed up on self-righteousness as others are on cigarette smoke) con-

demn such shelters and specially-ventilated smoking rooms. They believe such facilities enable smokers, rather than help them cut back.

Actually, the creation of smoking corrals probably helps some people quit. Who wants to spend time huddled among the shunned, in some smoky refuge?

If UK allows smoking rooms in the dorms, each one could be equipped with a computer terminal that

locks onto the Philip Morris web site (www.philipmorris.com) where the world's largest tobacco company concedes the health risks of smoking and offers some Food and Drug Administration observations on the addictive nature of cigarettes. The site also links to American Cancer Society charts

that show smoking causes 185,000 cancer deaths per year.

Young people represent a

critical target for those who want to keep America, and the world, smoking. While the percentage of those over 18 who light up declined by almost 50 percent between 1965 and 1997, smoking among high-school students has risen recently. Last year, more than a third of high school seniors said they had smoked sometime during the past month.

That's why the FDA has tried to crack down on sales to minors. That's why the tobacco settlement with the states prohibits targeting youth in ads and promotions.

Over the decades, UK, with the energy and expertise of its College of Agriculture, has done much to help burley farmers and, by extension, the tobacco industry. A ban on smoking in the dorms is the least the university can do for the industry's young targets.

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Public colleges hiring lobbyists to chase federal dollars

Competition is stiff, the schools say, and they need the help

By LARRY WHEELER
and KATHERINE HUNT SCOTT
Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON — Although it is the sixth-largest public university in the country, it wasn't until this year that the University of Florida opened a Washington office, hired a lobbyist and began competing head-on for a slice of the multibillion dollar federal pie for higher education.

"These other universities were just stealing our lunch," said Randy Moore, a 48-year-old veteran lobbyist who now runs the 41,000-student university's office here. "Not to have a seat at the table... it's almost malfeasance."

Florida's decision to hire Moore at \$350,000 a year for salaries, rent and expenses is a fresh example of how academia is increasingly spending tax money to chase more of the tax money controlled by Congress and federal agencies.

WHILE ONLY A fraction of the nation's public post-secondary schools have hired lobbyists, other colleges' officials say they have done well by opening their own govern-

ment relations office in Washington or by dealing directly with their representatives in Congress.

Still, said Larry Makinson of the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics, the disheartening reality is that to snare federal money you have to ante up for a lobbyist.

"I think it is extremely distasteful for anyone to have to give money to win federal money from the government, particularly if it is a public institution," said Makinson. "It's distasteful but necessary given the way Washington works."

A computer-assisted analysis of public lobbying records by Gannett News Service shows 135 public colleges and universities spent \$10.4 million on federal lobbying in 1998 — much of it financed with taxpayer dollars. That was up from 1997, when 121 spent \$8.4 million.

Lobbying by private institutions, including household names like Harvard and Yale, totaled even more, with 89 of them spending more than \$10 million in 1998 and 91 of them spending \$9.6 million the previous year, the analysis also showed.

Spending by public agencies and colleges pales, however, compared to the \$1.4 billion that big businesses and other private interests paid last year, hiring the bulk of the 20,500 lobbyists registered with Congress.

There are questions about the precision of many of the reports. Lobbyists or their clients are allowed to

round off lobbyist costs to the nearest \$20,000. But changes in filing guidelines have been accompanied by some over-reporting of fees, interviews show.

BUT THERE IS NO dispute that the stakes are large. In fiscal 1998, the federal government spent \$16 billion on post-secondary programs, mostly student financial assistance programs — and \$17.1 billion for research at universities and related institutions, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Despite the trend, only about 225 of the 4,000 post-secondary schools in the nation are lobbying enough that they must file reports.

Historically, college and university officials distanced themselves from the political maelstrom in Washington. But during the 1980s and 1990s, federal and state budget cuts and increasing federal regulation persuaded higher education officials to abandon their "ivory tower" approach.

There probably has been some squeamishness about lobbying in the past, said Peter Smith, spokesman for the Association of American Universities, which represents 61 major research universities in Washington.

"But it's perfectly possible to lobby in an above-board, ethical manner."

Although legitimate and legal, lobbying retains a negative public image that conjures up thoughts of special treatment and back-room deals.

(MORE)

notions reinforced by politicians who criticize Washington's influence in industry yet work hard to bring home federal money for special projects.

For many public colleges and universities, spending public money on a lobbyist to pursue more public money still causes consternation. In some states, the law prohibits colleges from spending taxpayers' dollars on lobbying, but in other states they receive money for that purpose directly from their legislatures.

Nowhere is this conflict more evident than in the controversial practice of "earmarking"—congressionally designated spending on a specific project at a single school.

In fiscal year 1999, Congress earmarked \$797 million for higher education projects, up 51 percent from the year before, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, a respected industry publication.

The problem, critics say, is that much of the money is directed toward "research projects" without regard to scientific legitimacy.

In an ideal world, the peer-review process would be the best way of giving out federal research money, said Dean Smith, executive vice chancellor at the University of Hawaii, Manoa campus, the public university that ranked first in lobbyist spending with \$538,872 for 1997 and 1998.

"BUT WE LIVE in a real world," said Smith, whose university has a contract with Cassidy and Associates, the Washington firm with the largest number of university clients—28.

Since the end of World War II, major universities have sought federal grants by having their researchers

compete for grants, which are awarded by panels of experts in various sciences. Universities can avoid that process by asking their senator or House member for an earmark, which isn't subject to peer review. Lawmakers who do this justify their actions by saying it helps spread federal funds beyond the top 100 research universities.

"The peer-review process was created, in large part by academics, to insulate academic science from politics. And once you break that wall down, you have nothing," said James Savage, associate government professor at the University of Virginia.

In their effort to get public funding and influence policy, many of the nation's largest public universities finance their own offices in Washington, staffing them with employees whose fealty is to the home campus.

"We concentrate on the big picture in the student financial aid world and the big pots of money for research," said Cindy Bank, federal relations officer for the University of Michigan's Washington office, one of the oldest and largest in the field. "The majority of our money comes from competitive grants and we want to make sure the money is there and increased."

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Taking longer with sprinklers

Western Kentucky, Morehead State timing installation beyond '01

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT Western Kentucky University and Morehead State University plan to take longer than other campuses to install sprinklers in dormitories.

Western, at Bowling Green, has fitted two of its taller dorms and plans to do at least five more in time for the fall semester in 2004.

Morehead also has fitted two and is scheduled to complete 11 others a year ahead of Western.

No other state university has a fire safety project scheduled for completion beyond September 2001.

Dorm safety has been an issue since a student, Michael Minger of Niceville, Fla., was killed in a dorm fire at Murray State University in 1998. Like most others in the state, Minger's

dorm predated a state building code that required sprinklers in dorms higher than three stories.

Murray State has since installed sprinklers in all its taller dorms. "It looks like Murray has addressed it more aggressively," said state Rep. Jim Wayne, part of a legislative committee that reviews capital construction projects throughout state government.

Officials of Western and Morehead told the committee a longer phase-in gave students time to digest the added cost of housing.

"It would be a serious financial hardship on our students" to finance the work all at once, said Porter Dailey, Morehead's vice president for administration.

Morehead, like most of the other institutions, is financing the projects with a bond issue. The institutions have to pay off the bonds, usually with housing and dining fees.

Morehead raised housing fees \$35 per semester this year and expects to raise them another \$35 per semester next year, Dailey said. There probably

will be an increase each year of the project, he added.

Western is using cash reserves for its project, housing director Brian Kuster said. But housing fees were raised this fall by \$45 per semester.

Murray has raised housing fees \$95 to \$140 per semester according to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Ken Walker, the council's vice president for finance, said the institutions were urged to move quickly but were allowed to set their own schedules. Availability of contractors was a factor for each, Walker said.

Nor did the state fire marshal try to pressure the institutions "because of the financial implications," said Chuck Cotton, commissioner of the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, which includes the fire marshal's office.

Wayne, D-Louisville, said the deliberate approach should alarm parents of college students. "It means we have a number of dorms that are not safe for their students," he said.

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State seeking your advice in search for schools chief

Public hearing scheduled for Jan. 11; form available

lic an opportunity to tell the committee what they feel is important for the next commissioner," said Jane Adams Venters, chairperson of the state school board's search committee.

People who want to contribute to the next search can fill out a form available on the education department's Web site, or pick up a form at the department office in Frankfort. The deadline for comments is 4 p.m. Jan. 10.

In its own criteria, the Kentucky Board of Education has emphasized a knowledge of the history and current state of Kentucky's school reform.

But Venters said that doesn't necessarily mean the search will exclude national candidates.

There's already a list of possible candidates from within the state and within the state department, including Gene Wilhoit, deputy commissioner for learning support, Randy Kimbrough, associate commissioner of management support, and Lois Adams-Rogers, a former state department administrator who now heads the Center for School Safety.

The search committee will hold a public hearing at 9 a.m. Jan. 11 in the State Board Room of the Capital Plaza Tower in Frankfort.

By Linda B. Blackford
HERALD-LEADER EDUCATION WRITER

What should the next person to lead Kentucky's public schools be like?

You decide.

State officials want to hear from educators, parents, citizens, and students about qualities the next state education commissioner should have.

Commissioner Wilmer Cody offered his resignation in October, and his last day is Dec. 31.

"We did this last time during the search for Dr. Cody, and it gives the pub-

Warren Lappin:

'Heart and soul' of early MSU

By **STEPHANIE DAVIS**
Managing Editor

Known for his stern countenance, Warren C. Lappin served Morehead State University for 48 years in a variety of administrative roles, including two stints as acting president.

He had been connected to the university long enough to inspire anecdotes about him.

Dr. Don Flatt, in his book "A Light to the Mountains, 1887-1997," wrote about Lappin's influence on MSU during the years of transition from 1966-1986.

Lappin's daughter, Ella

Wells, called her father a handy man around the house, a gardener, a very loyal churchman and a great lover of music.

But his colleagues at MSU remembered a different dimension to his character.

Typically students and faculty alike were scared of Lappin. But Mary Ella described her father as a very logical man.

Most people agreed on Lappin's role at Morehead State, Flatt wrote. His daughter looked upon her father's greatest accomplishment as keeping the

faculty stabilized, regardless of what happened.

She was not surprised that he never made it the presidency because he was not that kind of "politician."

It took a politician at that time to get money out the legislature, she said.

Others described him as having a very logical mind who could seize the essential things, traits which made him into a "Mr. Balance Wheel,"



Editor's Note:
The Morehead News is featuring a special person or group who has played a major role in the progress and development of Rowan County. These special articles will be reprinted in a keepsake "Countdown to the Millennium" section Dec. 28, 1999.

Warren C. Lappin

MSU photo

especially during World War II and the loss of accreditation afterwards.

He was described as the rock and anchor that everybody went to during turbulent times. Others called him the heart and soul of Morehead State in all those early years.

MSU's science building, Lappin Hall, was named after the late administrator.

It was originally built in

1937 with an addition constructed in 1967.

Construction of a newer addition began in mid-1992 and was in use at the start of the 1994 Spring Semester.

Lappin was a former mayor and city councilman of Morehead.

He also was a member of the Morehead Mens Club and the Morehead Christian Church.

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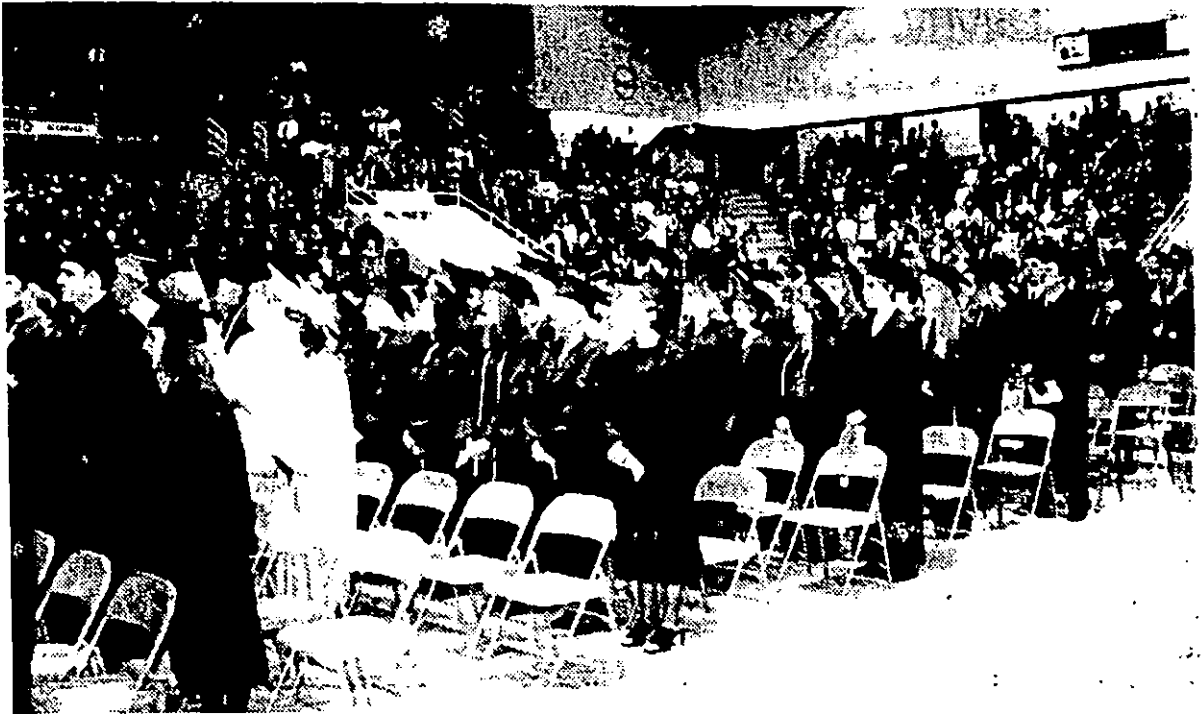
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Chris Turner photo

Approximately 400 degree candidates took part in the Winter Commencement ceremonies at Morehead State University on Saturday. The graduation exercise was briefly interrupted when someone pulled a fire alarm.

Fire alarm disrupts MSU graduation

By CHRIS TURNER
Staff Writer

Graduation ceremonies tend to be highly formal events, especially on the collegiate level. For the most part they proceed smoothly, with usually nothing out of the ordinary happening.

This was not the case at Morehead State University's Winter Commencement on Saturday.

After less than 50 students had walked across the stage to receive their diploma, a fire alarm sounded and MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin had to ask the crowd to leave the Academic-Athletic Center in an orderly fashion.

It was soon determined that it was a false alarm, and the audience of 5,000 was asked to return to their seats. The building was not evacuated, despite some news reports to the contrary.

Eaglin said that this was his first fire alarm at a commencement exercise in his 28 years as an administrator.

This was also the first time a graduation had been interrupted at MSU by a fire alarm.

The ceremony continued, and approximately 400 degree candidates made their way across the stage.

Two honorary doctorates were also awarded during the commencement.

Josephine D. Richardson, of Whitesburg, a former community journalist and social worker who operates a

mountain crafts outlet, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humanities.

She and her husband helped establish Appalshop, a media arts and cultural center based in Whitesburg.

Richardson urged the graduates to return to their communities and work to improve them.

John M. Rosenberg, of Prestonsburg, director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky Inc., was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service.

Commenting on the award, he said that even lawyers are

speechless sometimes.

A past member of MSU's Board of Regents, Rosenberg is known for his representation of the elderly and protection of the environment in Eastern and South Central Kentucky.

Lisa Dawn Burriss, of Vanceburg, gave the student address.

An honors graduate and an English major, she said she saw MSU as home and the students as family.

"A new page in our life is about to be turned and I believe our years at Morehead State has prepared us for it," she said.

Woman's estate provides millions for scholarships

Bookkeeper wanted to aid Danville area

Associated Press

DANVILLE, Ky. — A former bookkeeper who left an estate valued at nearly \$4 million stipulated that more than \$3.3 million go for college scholarships and improvements to the community.

Those gifts from Lottie B. Ellis, who died Nov. 15 at age 91, will be handled by two trusts. The remainder of the estate will go for community or charitable causes and to individuals.

Ellis' will was signed by her on May 26, 1998, and probated Dec. 8, said her attorney, W. Banks Hudson III.

Both of the trusts will be given to the Blue Grass Community Foundation of Lexington, an investment organization that specializes in giving money from estates to charitable and community causes, as designated by the deceased.

Susanna Creek, executive director of the foundation, said Ellis' contribution is the largest gift ever received by the foundation.

The money earmarked for the two trusts will be handled in an investment program set out by the foundation that will "make sure it is secure for many, many years but yields a good return in interest to ensure that the trusts each year produce substantial amounts for the grants and scholarships," said Creek.

One of the two trusts will total \$2.5 million and it will be called the Hudson-Ellis Discretionary Fund. Hudson is for the late T. Yates Hudson Jr., Ellis' longtime friend. He is of no immediate relation to attorney

Banks Hudson.

According to Banks Hudson, the money in the Hudson-Ellis Discretionary Fund will yield \$125,000 in interest a year. Those funds will be made available on annual basis in the form of grants to be used "for the community good in Danville and Boyle County," the will says.

The other trust will total about \$825,000 and will be called the Hudson-Ellis Scholarship Fund. The money in that fund will yield about \$41,000 in interest a year, said Banks Hudson. The fund is to pay for "at least two college scholarships a year with one going to a female student and the other going to a male student," according to the will.

The scholarships will go only to students who will attend a Kentucky college or university. They will be renewable annually for a maximum of four years.

Scholarship recipients must maintain an "acceptable grade point average as required for other scholarship students attending the college or university," the will says.

Both funds will be directly overseen, within the auspices of the Blue Grass Community Foundation, by a local board. The board will decide who gets the grants from the discretionary fund and who gets the scholarships from the scholarship fund.

Among the individual bequests was \$100,000 to a trust for Ray Andrews of Danville, whom the will identifies as a longtime employee. At his death, the trust will terminate and the balance will go to the foundations.

There will be \$15,000 for the Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky for use at the Westminster Terrace-Rosa Anna Hughes Home in Louisville.

Woman leaves big gift to charity

Retired bookkeeper bequeaths \$3.3 million

By Greg Kocher

CENTRAL KENTUCKY BUREAU

Retired bookkeeper Lottie Ellis was a quiet, unassuming person, whose smooth skin didn't tip off that she was 91 years old. When she died Nov. 15 with no children or close relatives, her obituary in the Danville newspaper took only four paragraphs — and two of those dealt with the arrangements for a simple graveside service.

Few knew that she had an estate worth about \$3.7 million, or that she intended \$3.3 million of that to go back into the community she loved.

"I wouldn't have thought it myself," said Ray Andrews, 75, who had known her since 1945 and who cleaned her apartment

and took food and newspapers to her.

But they know now, since news of her bequest to Blue Grass Community Foundation has become public. The Lexington-based foundation will oversee the investment of the \$3.3 million, the largest single gift ever received by the 32-

year-old organization, for distribution into two funds. One will be for college scholarships to students from Danville and Boyle County, and the other will help non-profit organizations with community causes.

Mike Perros, a financial consultant for the Hilliard Lyons brokerage in Danville, had known Ellis since she sought investment advice in the early 1980s. But he didn't realize the extent of her wealth until the fall of 1988, when he accompanied her to a lock box at Farmers National Bank in Danville to catalog what she had.

"It took three hours," Perros said. "We had stock certificates everywhere."

The stocks were in banks, pharmaceuticals and Fortune 500 companies. Perros said even Ellis was surprised by what she had accumulated. She'd gotten interested in investments through a longtime friend, Yates Hudson Jr.,

The Blue Grass Community Foundation will oversee investment of the money, its largest single gift.

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farmer who died in the 1970s.

"She took an active interest in it, and when he died that interest kind of went with him," Perros said.

Ellis kept books for an oil distributorship and soft-drink bottling plant in Danville before retiring in the mid-1970s. She lived in a one-bedroom apartment with a bath, small kitchen and a living room, and rebuffed Perros' suggestions that she take an ocean cruise, buy a color television, or even subscribe to National Geographic magazine. She had a TV

in her bedroom but claimed to never watch it.

"I finally got her a radio under mild protest," Perros said. "I found a station with some old-time country music on it, and she liked it."

Bedridden over the last decade because of circulatory problems in her legs, she received round-the-clock nursing care in the last two years of her life. But she never complained or expressed a desire to walk on her own, and accepted each day as it came, Perros said.

Before this bequest, the largest single gift to the Blue

Grass Community Foundation was \$2.5 million from Clark Fiscal Court about a year ago, said Susanna Creek, executive director of the foundation. The fiscal court devoted the proceeds from the sale of an industrial property to fund a discretionary account for charitable causes in Clark County, Creek said.

The scholarships from the Ellis estate will go each year to one male student and one female student who will attend a Kentucky college or university, Creek said. The scholarships will be renewable annually for a maximum of four years.

The discretionary fund will go toward community projects in Danville and Boyle County.

The rest of the estate goes to various churches, a hospital, the library in Danville, Berea College and other charities. An additional \$100,000 goes to a trust for Andrews, her caretaker. Upon his death, the trust will end and the balance will go to the funds for Danville-Boyle County.

"She was a nice lady, is all I can say," Andrews said.

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Education Dept. revises standardized testing draft

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WASHINGTON — Following months of criticism, the Education Department is revising its draft guidelines on how standardized tests can be balanced with the civil rights of minority students.

The original guidelines, issued last May, were intended to be a non-binding tool that would boil down a series of civil rights rulings into a simple guide for educators. They were meant to provide practical guidance related to tests that help decide who advances, graduates or is accepted

by schools at any level.

But some higher education organizations said the new guidelines made an already complex situation even more confusing.

The Education Department decided to issue a new set of draft guidelines. "They've made significant improvements. They've responded to feedback and become much less legalistic, much more usable," says Sheldon Steinbach, general counsel of the American Council on Education for 1,800 colleges and universities.

Tests used to make education-

al decisions about individual students should accurately measure their ability, knowledge, skills or needs, the guidelines say. But, the guide adds, they should do so in ways that do not discriminate.

"As foundations for judgments that profoundly shape the lives of students, these tests must be used in ways that accurately reflect the educational standards and that do not inappropriately deny opportunity to students based on their race, national origin, sex or disability," the guidelines say.

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EKU's new band director revitalizing alumni program

By Dona Tackett
HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

Eastern Kentucky University's new band director has more than music on his mind. In his first few months as director, he has been busy trying to resuscitate its alumni relations program.

Joe Allison took over as band director in July when Robert Hartwell retired after 32 years at ECU. Since then, Allison has been trying to establish a strong network of ECU band alumni.

ECU's alumni band traditionally has performed during halftime of the homecoming game each fall, but participation has dwindled in recent years, Allison said.

"The problem, and it is a big problem, is that so many of graduates are band people and now teach in high schools," Allison said. "Homecoming's always right in the middle of their competition season, so nobody can come anymore."

Allison is in the middle of planning a performance of alumni at the last home football game next fall when more people should be available.

He has already put together the Winter Band Alumni Bash, which will begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 in Eastern's Brock Auditorium with a special performance by the ECU symphonic band and end with a social gathering at Arling-

ton. At Arlington, alumni will entertained by the student jazz combo and steel drum band.

This event coincides with the program's annual high school honors band clinic.

Allison also spent the month of November starting up a Web site for alumni, located at www.music.eku.edu/alumni, and sending information to former alumni to try to establish a database.

"It's very important in terms of getting support for our program," Allison said. "There are so many alumni sources out there who can and we can also help them."

For more information, call Allison at 622-3161.

Of UK's past and future

Newton reflects on his legacy and looks ahead

By John Clay
HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

Back in May of '96, when a 66-year-old C.M. Newton signed on for four more years as athletics director at Kentucky, he said he had originally intended to retire, but could not.

"I want to get the football program where we all want it," said Newton at the time.

Four years later, Kentucky is headed to its second straight bowl game, and Newton is approaching the home stretch of that four-year commitment. He has said this is probably his final year as athletics director, although he has not made a formal announcement. He has called a news conference for today, but no one at UK would disclose what might be discussed.

In an interview Monday morning, Newton wouldn't say whether this was his last football season, but talked as if it was as he discussed the current state of the program.

Q Coach Hal Mumme said that going to Nashville for the Music City Bowl was special to him because of your ties there as the Vanderbilt basketball coach and that this is probably your last bowl game as athletics director. Is it?

A Yeah, this is probably going to be my last bowl game. Well, no, really it's not. I'm going to keep going to bowl games. I'm going to go every time Hal goes from now on. And I hope and expect for more. Whether or not I go as the athletic director is another question.

I'm excited because bowls are rewards for players and coaches for good seasons. I'm really excited for the university. It gives me a lot of good feelings for our fans, and frankly there is no place that would suit me better to go this year than to Nashville. It's a good way to end this thing.

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Q If you are indeed winding down your tenure, is the football program where you wanted it to be?

A It's getting there. What we've said all along in both football and basketball is that what we want is to be competitive for championships. If you're competitive in this conference in either sport, then that means you are competitive nationally. We've been competitive in basketball for a long time, and we are competitive in football now.

We are still not to the point where Tennessee's program is, or Florida's program, or Georgia's program. That's a numbers issue. But we can line up and play with the rest of the league, and we've shown that. What I think will happen over the next three or four years, as we continue to build, is we'll cut those numbers on Tennessee and Florida and Georgia.

Q What is the next step?

A The next step is just to keep recruiting and keep coaching them. You watch Tennessee and Florida and Georgia if they lose this guy and this guy, then they bring in this guy and this guy. Football is a game of attrition, and you are going to lose players as the year goes. And we've not had that luxury.

I don't know how good this team could have been had we kept our wide receivers well, kept our defensive backs well. I don't know how good we would have been. But I do know this: We were more than competitive with those injuries, with the exception again of Tennessee and Florida, and this year Georgia. I thought Georgia was really good this year. So what we've

got to do is just what they're doing.

Q You gave Mumme his second contract extension in the three years he has been here. Obviously you feel it is important to keep him.

A It's very important. Not only to hold on to Hal, but to his key staff people. And that's what you do when you keep a head coach. You look at people like Mike Major, Guy Morriss, Claude Bassett. I think that is very important to the program at this time.

And frankly, I think you've got to understand Hal Mumme. He's a guy who has worked his way up. And I understand that. He's done exactly what I did coming out of Transylvania. I used the analogy of sweeping the gym floor for practice after teaching classes all day, and taping ankles yourself, and calling the newspaper scores in. Hal's done all that. And there's an element of appreciation when you get an opportunity that goes far beyond money and other things.

For instance, I never had any interest in coaching anywhere except Alabama. After I got there, I had a lot of chances to leave for considerably more money. But I appreciated the fact those guys took a chance on me and gave me an opportunity. And I think Hal feels a lot the same way.

I think that as he has the kind of administrative support that you've got to have a program, as long as he feels he has the thing headed in the right direction, I don't see another college job appealing to him.

Now with that being said, he's so creative and competitive, that a pro job might be a different deal. I don't know that, but I would think that if Hal would leave here, it wouldn't be for a college job, it would be for a professional football

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NEWTON: UK AD reflects on legacy, looks to future

Q After you step down, will that administrative support continue?

A Absolutely. Whoever takes this job, and whoever takes Dr. Wethington's place down the road, they're going to continue the strong support.

Q From a facilities standpoint, what's next?

A Getting the coaches' office (complex at the Nutter Training Center) is very important. Coaches today are given the responsibility to really and truly be surrogate parents to the players. You are supposed to recruit them. You are supposed to see that they behave themselves. You are supposed to see that they go to class, that they graduate. And I believe that is a coach's responsibility. But if that's going to be so, then you better put the coaches in the proximity of where the student-athletes spend most of their time.

And that's been one of the things with our staff being in the football stadium, and the Nutter Training Center being where it is — a player is not going to walk to the football office all the way over at the stadium. By the time he does that, he's got a real problem. So I think by having our coaches physically where our student-athletes are is important.

I want to get new artificial turf on that artificial part of the practice field (at the Nutter Training Center). I want to do that not only for football, but for soccer and baseball and our other

sports, so that when we get those wet days they can practice.

I had hoped to put a new field in with the stadium, but the scope of the project was such that we were not able to do that.

Q One of your legacies will be helping bring the basketball program back from probation to two NCAA titles. Is getting football where it is now equal to that legacy?

A I hope. I hope. I remember Rick (Pitino) saying he thought he was coming to work with a basketball AD. And heck you're a football AD. You spend all your time with football. There's a lot of truth to that. You spend your time where you're needed. And you haven't been needed in the basketball part of it.

The legacy I would like is that we got this thing — and Rick is the catalyst in the basketball thing, he and Tubby (Smith) without any question. The years Rick gave us, you just can't measure what that meant to our getting back in basketball. In the football part of it, I don't want people to minimize the contributions that Bill (Curry) and his staff had. They didn't win, other than that one year (1993). But a lot of good things happened during that time. Keeping it solid, keeping it compliant, keeping it academically oriented. All of those things.

The other legacy from my standpoint is what we've done in the whole area of sports medicine. I really feel like we've been able to build a model here with Jim Madaleno and Keith Webster, and

the doctors that we have in the UK Sports Medicine are the doctors out of our student health and the UK Hospital, and now getting this athletic training program in allied health, we've got a model that is really kind of special. And that's been a long time coming. When I came here, all the care of our student-athletes was outside the university.

Q The payout for the Music City Bowl is not as large as the Outback Bowl last year, but the travel expenses will not be as much. How will this bowl shake out financially for UK?

A To me, financial considerations for bowls, there should be none. You don't budget post-season play into your revenue, so you don't worry about it. If there's a little windfall, fine. But really and truly what I would hope is that we are going to put as much back into it for the players as we can, by NCAA rules. We'll do the same for the coaches and their wives, and for the support staff. We're going to make dollars out of our bowls totally with our conference sharing. We anticipate that revenue. But this is separate. We're not going to just throw money away, but we're not going to worry about expenses.

Q Is this it for you as athletics director at UK?

A (Laughs.) Just wait a few days. (Laughs again.) But this is not my last bowl game. It might be my last one as AD, but it will not be my last one.

Sullivan College purchases building

Growth planned at Mason & Hanger site

by Jim Jordan

HERALD-LEADER BUSINESS WRITER

The parent company of Sullivan College is buying the Mason & Hanger building at 2355 Harrodsburg Road for \$4.7 million and planning a major expansion at the site.

The Sullivan Colleges System said yesterday it will renovate the building at a cost of \$2.5 million and move the Lexington campuses of Sullivan College and Spencerian College to the site next fall.

The next phase will be the construction of a second building behind the present building, with three stories and about 30,000 square feet of space, said A.R. Sullivan, president and chief executive of Sullivan College.

The second building will be completed within five years and will boost the company's investment to about \$10 million, Sullivan said. It will give the colleges about 81,000 square feet of space.

The 10-acre property is well-known for its large walnut and other trees that hide the building from Harrodsburg Road, and Sullivan said that will not change.

"We are going to take out a few of the trees in the back," he said, "but we are not going to touch the front" along Harrodsburg Road.

Sullivan said rapid growth in enrollment at Sullivan and Spencerian's Lexington campuses had prompted the company to begin looking about three years ago for a larger building or a site to build one.

The Mason & Hanger building became available after Day & Zimmermann Inc. of Philadelphia purchased the Lexington company in June.

Mason & Hanger announced last

week that it will move downtown by late January to leased space in the former Kincaid Towers, which is now known as 300 West Vine Street.

The company had been headquartered at the Harrodsburg Road building since 1989, when Island Creek Coal Co. moved out. Island Creek built the building about 1975.

"It is absolutely perfect for a college campus," Sullivan said. "We've been wanting to have a larger presence in Lexington, and this is exactly what we needed."

The Sullivan Colleges System is a family-owned company that is based in Louisville and traces its roots to 1926.

It has about 5,000 students at Sullivan and Spencerian colleges and at Louisville Technical Institute.

Sullivan College -- described by Sullivan as "by far the largest independent college in Kentucky" -- began offering courses in Lexington in 1985 and is currently on Regency Road. Spencerian's campus is on Clays Mill Road.

In 1998 alone, the colleges' Lexington enrollment jumped 43 percent to 1,030 from 720 in 1997, Sullivan said.

Sullivan College offers two-year and four-year degrees and some graduate-level courses in business-related fields, such as accounting, computer science and management.

Spencerian offers technical training in such areas as graphics design and computer-assisted drafting. In Louisville, the college is known for training nurses and other medical workers.

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Sullivan College plans new campus

Sullivan College, whose present campus is located in Louisville, yesterday announced the purchase of a building and land in southwest Lexington and plans to turn the site into a campus in time for fall 2000 classes.

Sullivan is buying the 51,000-square-foot Mason & Hanger building and property, a former engineering and construction headquarters, on Harrodsburg Road.

The announcement by A.R. Sullivan, president of the independent, four-year Sullivan Colleges system, came a week after Mason and Hanger said it planned to return to downtown

Lexington after 10 years at the Harrodsburg Road site. Sullivan College said it bought the site for \$4.7 million.

Currently, the Sullivan Colleges system has Lexington campuses on Clays Mill Road and Regency Road. Both will close when the new campus is ready in September 2000.

Sullivan's sister institution, Spencerian College's Technical Division, is to join Sullivan College at the new campus for a combined initial enrollment of more than 1,200 students.

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NKU faculty weighs in for 'evolution'

Group urges state to restore word in school guide

Associated Press

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. — After months of debate, Northern Kentucky University's faculty senate will urge that the word "evolution" be restored to state educational guidelines for public schools.

The request stems from the state Department of Education's decision to replace "evolution" with "change over time" in its draft of the guidelines for what students should be taught.

Department officials said the change was merely a decision to use less emotionally charged wording and did not affect a teacher's authority to teach the principles of evolution, which hold that humans evolved from more primitive species.

NKU faculty entered the debate shortly after the Education Department's decision in October. But the wording of the faculty senate's letter to the state education commissioner stirred a three-month debate.

Members of the NKU faculty argued over whether they should ask the education commissioner to use the word "evolution" or the phrase "theory of evolution."

The faculty senate voted Monday and "evolution" won.

"When we talk about the theory of thermodynamics, we say thermodynamics. When we talk about the theory of gravity, we say gravity," said senate President Gaut Ragsdale. "Just about any scientific issue might be a theory, but we don't use the term 'theory of.'"

Senate member Gary Johnston and two other faculty senate members issued a minority report advocating the use of "theory of evolution" as a more accurate term.

BOWLING GREEN More than 1,000 graduate from WKU

Graduation ceremonies were held yesterday for more than 1,000 students at Western Kentucky University's E.A. Diddle Arena.

Noting that the class was the last to graduate this century, WKU President Gary Ransdell urged the graduates to reflect on the past and contemplate the future, and to continue learning outside the structured world of academia.

Honorary doctorates of humanities were presented to Sallie Bingham, honoring her work as a writer and humanitarian, and Don S. Vitale, Vitale, president of Manchester Capital and a member of the WKU Foundation Board of Trustees, was saluted for his community involvement.

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False alarm disrupts Morehead ceremony

MOREHEAD — Approximately 6,000 attending Morehead State University's Winter Commencement Saturday were asked to make an orderly exit from the auditorium when the fire alarm sounded.

After fewer than 50 students received congratulations from MSU President Ronald Eaglin, the fire alarm went off, sending the crowd toward the doors, a public relations official at the school said.

It was determined that there was no fire and that the alarm had been pulled. School officials have not identified any suspect.

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Perry County

College gets going-away gift: Hazard Community College has received a going-away present from a local doctor who is leaving the area. Dr. Nizar M. Tannir gave \$100,000 to the college for a scholarship endowment. Tannir, who works in the area with cancer patients, is leaving Hazard to join the M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. The scholarship, which will be named after Tannir, will give preference to continuing students at Hazard Community College who have a demonstrated financial need, have a record of academic achievement, have maintained at least a cumulative 2.8 grade-point average, and are enrolled in or pursuing a degree in a medical or allied health profession. "Education is the key to this area's success, and I want to encourage the pursuit of higher education in this region," said Tannir, 46, who moved to Hazard in 1986.

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Rowan County

Everyone files out at commencement: A prankster added some tension to yesterday's winter commencement at Morehead State University. Morehead President Ronald Eaglin had congratulated about 50 of the 400 students who were getting diplomas when the fire alarm went off and spectators had to leave the building. Authorities determined that an alarm had been pulled, but that there was no fire. With the alarm still buzzing in the background, 5,000 people returned to their seats and the program resumed. An apologetic Eaglin told graduates that this was "a memorable event that you will never forget."

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